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Britain turns the screw in beef battle

By Philip Webster and Michael Dynes

BRITAIN escalated its "beef war" with Europe yesterday, wielding the national veto 12 times to scupper measures that would normally have sailed through.

But as ministers blocked everything that came before them in Brussels, the man in charge of the Cabinet response admitted that it could be six years before all Britain's cattle are free of "mad cow" disease — and even appeared to accept that the beef exports ban could last into the next century.

Roger Freeman later insisted that he had not meant to suggest the ban could last that long, but his remarks added to the confusion over the Government's policy and what it is trying achieve.

At the same time, a former minister renewed his warning that he would wipe out the Government's Commons majority if John Major turned the beef campaign into a wider battle against Europe.

In an article in *The Times* today, George Walden spells out for the first time the circumstances under which he would resign the Tory whip. He says that if the Government "lurches blindly forward" beyond Mr Major's original objectives of a lifting of the ban on beef by-products and a "framework" for removing the broader embargo, it will do so without him.

Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, also urged ministers to avoid "the language of xenophobia and jingoism" over beef, but he nevertheless cautiously threw Labour's support behind the policy of non-cooperation. Ministers, however, swiftly rebuffed its demand for consultation over the conduct of the policy.

In his *Times* article, Mr Walden accuses Mr Major of "demeaning" the country and says the Government's unseemly stance will rebound on a Prime Minister "who felt weak enough to succumb to his own pique and to petty-nationalistic pressures".

Freeman: BSE crisis could last six years

The former Education Minister also expects the Eurosceptics to put Mr Major under pressure to "see it through": "After he gets his lifting of the derivatives ban, and a piece of paper promising a framework to lift the whole embargo, I predict cries of Chamberlain."

He continues: "For the moment I grouch and bear it. But if Mr Major is goaded into widening the assault and extending non-cooperation, instead of hard negotiation, to the future of the Union then I reserve my position. Should the Government lurch blindly forward against an adversary only dimly defined through the fog of nationalist rhetoric engulfing it, then, as our German friends say, *ohne mich*: without me."

Mr Walden's remarks came as pro-European ministers privately urged Mr Major to abandon his policy of non-cooperation at the earliest possible moment and to resist demands from the Eurosceptics for a firm timetable for withdrawing the ban before ending the blocking tactics. Some ministers have predicted further desertions if Mr Major yields to the Right.

Mr Freeman — one of three ministers on obstruction duty in Brussels yesterday — insisted, however, that the policy was not "anti-German, anti-French, anti-Italian or anti-European". It was simply designed to force Britain's counterpart to realise the extent of the damage the blanket ban was causing the British beef industry.

But he accepted that it might be years before the industry returned to normal. "We acknowledge that BSE is a problem in the UK and in Europe, and it needs to be eradicated," he said.

Asked how long that could take, he said: "It won't happen in the short-term. It certainly is not months. Becuase of the gestation period, it could take four, five, six years. It may not be possible to say when the UK will be wholly BSE-free."

Mr Freeman acknowledged that Germany was demanding that the disease be eradicated before Britain could resume its export trade, but he said: "It may be possible to lift certain parts of the ban, with the support of our European Union partners, before arriving at that end state", although some countries may refuse to take British beef "until the last BSE cow has been killed".

But later Mr Freeman was forced to issue a statement clarifying his remarks. He said that he had not in any way been suggesting that the ban could last that long. He did not, however, clear up doubts over whether the Government wanted a clear timetable for an end to the ban.

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DAVID DYSON

Paul Gascoigne arriving at Heathrow early yesterday. The England squad had celebrated his twenty-ninth birthday during the flight from Hong Kong

England team tackled over high ball

By Richard Duce and Harvey Elliott

ENGLAND footballers were last night at the centre of a police investigation into damage to the jumbo jet which brought them back from Hong Kong.

Damage to the Cathay Pacific 747 was confined to the area of the plane where the 27-strong squad of players were sitting in the upper business class section before they touched down at Heathrow early yesterday.

Cabin crew are understood to have become so concerned by behaviour on board the aircraft that the captain radioed ahead for police to meet the jet on landing. However, once the plane touched down it was decided a police presence was not necessary.

The airline made a formal protest to the Football Association in a faxed message to Graham Kelly, its chief executive, who was also on the flight, and last night Scotland Yard confirmed it was investigation an allegation of damage to the £80 million plane.

Neither the police nor Cathay Pacific would confirm the exact nature of the complaint which is understood to include damage to televisions in seats in the Club Class section. The incidents coincided with celebrations for the England footballer Paul Gascoigne's twenty-ninth birthday.

One passenger on board the flight from Hong Kong described how he went up to see the England squad to get autographs. He said the area looked like a "bomb site" but there was no evidence of any specific damage.

Last night the FA promised that Terry Venables, the England manager, would make an early investigation into the allegation. Mr Venables had secured all 30 seats in the upper business class to ensure his players were not disturbed on the 13-hour flight.

Steve Double, an FA spokesman, refused to speculate on whether the alleged incident would jeopardise England team selection for the Euro 96 tournament which starts in less than two weeks' time.

Mr Double said Cathay Pacific contacted the FA initially at 3.15pm, which was more than nine hours after the plane touched down at Heathrow.

"No complaint had been received after the team disembarked, nor in the intervening period," he said. A Scotland Yard spokesman said only: "Police at Heathrow are investigating an allegation of damage to an aeroplane which was received from Cathay Pacific airline."

A spokesman for the airline said the damage to the aircraft was "minimal" and the jet was returning to Hong Kong.

The players would have had some of the very best service during their flight. The airline's Marco Polo business class section has won a number of awards recently after it was relaunched two years ago.

The England squad would have had generous amounts of leg room and personal videos in English, Chinese, Japanese and Korean. Exotic dishes could have been washed down by copious amounts of champagne and wine.

Cathay won the 1996 *Business Traveller Magazine* Award for the best business class airline to the Far East.

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MoD to sell Gulf War troops' gold sovereigns

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

THOUSANDS of gold sovereigns given to British troops who were sent to fight in the Gulf War to help them bargain for their lives if caught behind Iraqi lines are to be sold by the Ministry of Defence for about £1 million.

In published accounts of SAS action behind Iraqi lines, special forces' soldiers were described as having gold sovereigns covered over by masking tape hidden behind their webbing belts.

Andy McNab, former SAS sergeant and author of *Bravo Two Zero*, the bestseller about an SAS patrol in Iraq, said he and his colleagues had each been given 20 gold sovereigns "as escape money". When he was captured by the Iraqis, the gold was discovered and confiscated during interrogation.

Just under 17,000 coins, valued at £60 each, were bought by the MoD from the Royal Mint for the Gulf War servicemen as a precaution and were handed over to frontline units from the army, special forces and RAF, who were to be part of the land and air offensive campaign in Kuwait and southern Iraq.

Servicemen judged to be potentially vulnerable to Iraqi capture, including RAF fighter crews who risked being shot down, and special forces' long-range reconnaissance and Scud-hunting squadrons went to war with gold in their pockets.

However, most of the coins were returned to the MoD after the war in 1991 and now, five years later, a decision has been taken to sell them. About 16,500 gold sovereigns are up for sale by the Royal Mint and Gold Investments in the summer.

Donor saves Nazi row Oxford chair

By Emma Wilkins

OXFORD University's chair of European Thought has been saved weeks after the original donor, the grandson of a Nazi war criminal, asked for his money back.

An anonymous benefactor, who has no previous connection with the university, has guaranteed £350,000 over five years, a spokesman for the university said. The original endowment from Dr Gert-Rudolf Flick sparked protests from dons and Jewish groups.

Dr Flick's grandfather, Friedrich Flick, was an adviser to Heinrich Himmler and used 48,000 mostly Jewish slave labourers to help him to build an industrial empire.

In April Dr Flick asked for his money back amid fears that there would be demonstrations when Professor John Burrow, the holder of the chair, gave his inaugural lecture. Dr Flick, who lives in London, has been at pains to distance himself from the activities of his grandfather, who was sentenced at Nuremberg as a war criminal.

Michael Pinto-Duschinsky, whose article in *The Times* last November initiated the debate, said he was delighted that the chair had been saved.

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Mastermind passes on punk band's B-word

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

THE BBC's quiz programme *Mastermind* gets its first taste of censorship tonight when a contestant will answer questions on The Sex Pistols, the punk band that gave Western civilisation Johnny Rotten and Sid Vicious.

The corporation's language police have decided to bleep out an expletive uttered by Magnus Magnusson, the programme's veteran quizmaster, during a question about the band's notorious album, *Never Mind the Bollocks Here's the Sex Pistols*. A BBC spokeswoman said it was the first time in the programme's 24-year history that a question has had to be censored. "It goes out before the 9pm family viewing watershed so we thought it would not be appropriate to include the word," she said.

She added that Mr Magnusson retained his legendary *sang-froid* throughout the recording. "He is a true professional and did not laugh at all when he read out the question."

Alan Whittaker, 36, an unemployed barman from Penzance, who chose the 1970s band as his specialist subject, said he had bought a new copy of the album in preparation for the quiz. "Punk seems a little silly looking back, but being unemployed now I can still relate to that anger. I'm frustrated — I suppose that's why I went on *Mastermind*," he said.

Mr Whittaker added that his biggest worry about the programme was not the severity of the questioning, but his mother's reaction to his choice of specialist subject. "I think she might go spare when she sees this. I used to go out at weekends and get dressed up somewhere else, then take it all off before I went home to my parents, so they never even knew," he said.

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Beef offensive bogged down in EU paperwork

FROM MICHAEL DYNES IN BRUSSELS

THREE British ministers, flanked by a phalanx of po-faced officials, stormed into Brussels yesterday to announce that as long as beef remained off the menu, no other European Union business would remain on the agenda.

As journalists jostled with one another to discover just how devastating Britain's policy of non-cooperation would be, a rare spotlight was cast on the bizarre and hitherto secretive world of ministerial meetings in Brussels and the arcane language they use.

"No journalist has ever asked to see the full agenda for a development council before," said one British official, utterly bemused by the press's extraordinary attention to the minutiae of ministerial agendas, in the desperate search for hard evidence that John Major's policy was bringing the European Union juggernaut to a halt.

Confronted by Britain's ruthless determination to place a "general reserve" on a draft resolution on environmental impact assessments for EU-funded Third World projects, most journalists were hard-pressed to find any evidence of the much-vaunted "confrontation" with Brussels.

A general reserve is of course Brussels speak for a veto. But placing this diplomatic weapon in the way of Brussels' attempts to establish a working group to look into migration patterns in the developing world, falls far short of the declaration of all-out war the Brussels press corps was so desperately looking for.

Even the decision to vote down the agreement on a negotiating mandate for EU-Mexican trade relations, which did most to irritate Britain's long-suffering EU partners, lacked the whiff of cordite so essential to any self-respecting war correspondent.

Baroness Chalker, the Overseas Development Minister, "regretted" her decision to strike down eight items on her agenda, while Roger Freeman, the minister for cutting red tape, apologised for his decision to reject Brussels' efforts to eliminate unnecessary bureaucracy. In Brussels such language borders on real fighting talk.

The Dunkirk spirit succeeded in preventing red tape governing building construction projects from being flashed; halting the establishment of standards for ornamental plant health; and delaying proposals for the mutual recognition of diplomas.

But if anyone was in any doubt about the debilitating effect of Britain's policy of non-cooperation, Mr Freeman was on hand to put them straight. "The work of deregulation at a national level can and will go on, and preparatory work by Commission officials can and will continue," he said. "Life goes on. The Commission certainly doesn't need agreement from the Council of Ministers."

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Italy appeals for peace at summit

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

ROMANO PRODI, the new Italian Prime Minister, moved yesterday to shore up the threatened European Union summit in Florence. He appealed to John Major not to sabotage the summit over the ban on British beef, and turned to Germany for heavyweight support.

Signor Prodi, who will chair the summit in three weeks, made Bonn the venue for his first foreign trip since taking office two weeks ago. Before leaving Rome he telephoned Mr Major to tell him that the British policy of "non-cooperation" was becoming "counterproductive".

According to officials at the Palazzo Chigi, the equivalent of No 10, Signor Prodi asked Mr Major to reconsider his boycott of routine EU decision-making and to act "in a constructive spirit of European solidarity". He assured Mr Major that Italy supported the gradual lifting of the beef ban, but stressed that "all decisions must be taken on the basis of the best available scientific evidence".

He was assured of the support of Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, for his efforts to keep the timetable for monetary union on track after Italy, which chaired the Turin summit in March as part of its six-month EU presidency, launched the Maastricht review process only to watch helplessly as it was hijacked by the BSE crisis.

In playing the German card, Signor Prodi is signalling that Italy sees Bonn as the key to Italy's hopes of being a first-division player in Europe. Italian officials hope that Germany will help Italy to join the single currency. Signor Prodi told Parliament last week that his main task was to fulfil the Maastricht criteria for monetary union by putting Italy's public finances on a sounder footing, reducing the budget deficit and tackling unemployment.

Prodi: asked Britain to reconsider EU boycott

PIERRE THIELEMANS

Baroness Chalker, right, with Emma Bonino, the European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid, yesterday

German tabloids accuse Major of sowing the seeds of hatred

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BERLIN

GERMANY'S tabloids fired a new salvo in the press war with Britain yesterday, accusing John Major of sowing the seeds of hatred. The attack, which was unusually personal, follows a week of grumbling and howling protest, most of it aimed at *The Sun*.

Munich's *Abend Zeitung* was the latest to join the counter offensive, making the obligatory shocked reference to *The Sun's* 20-point list of ways to irritate Germans and other continental Europeans.

"We Germans have come at just the right moment for the English. First we boycott British beef and now we want to grab the European championship — on their very own island!" the newspaper said.

The criticism was rare in that it singled out the Prime Minister for blame — "head of government Major has secretly sown the hatred". The German press usually gives kinder treatment to the Prime Minister than to his predecessor; but the *Abend Zeitung* editorial may signal a sea-change. The tabloids have already started to be enthusiastic about Tony Blair.

Yesterday however the hero was the Bayern Munich striker Jurgen Klinsmann, who has apparently agreed to tuck into British beef to improve Anglo-German relations. "Klinsi is Germany's best ambassador on the island," the paper said.

Serious papers are also talking in martial metaphor. "Major is losing the beef war on the home front," trumpeted the Bonn *General Anzeiger*, referring to the public doubts of George Walden. The *Süddeutsche Zeitung* tried to switch the idiom towards the game of poker. "Major's declaration of war is emerging as a flop — he was wrong to think that moderate Conservative MPs would remain loyal. The anti-Europe cause was not a trump card. Indeed George Walden could call the bluff."

There was thus a clear division between mass-market German papers which thought Klinsmann could rescue Anglo-German relations and those who favoured George Walden. The venerable *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* called on Britain to show more consistency and refresh its memory.

"The United States has not imported British beef since 1989 because of BSE but nothing has been heard about 'obstructing' the Nato Council and there has been no sign of indignation in Washington. Could this be because only anger against the favourite enemy — Europe — promises improved popularity?" Politicians lined up to express their regret at the British campaign. Karl Lamers, the Christian Democrat foreign affairs expert, told *Focus* magazine: "The British are making a big mistake; they are confusing Germany with Europe." British threats, he said, were unrealistic. Britain would not let things come to a test of strength, which it would lose. The German Cabinet appears to be under instructions to avoid stirring up the BSE controversy.

Jochen Borchert, the Agriculture Minister, has refused to give interviews on BSE. Only Horst Seehofer, the Health Minister, seems to have a relatively free hand. In an interview yesterday he emphasised that German consumers had to be given rock-solid safety guarantees before the export ban could be lifted.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bar reform plan may be illegal

Bar leaders may be forced to back down on plans to lengthen the time it takes students to qualify as barristers after being told such a move would be unlawful.

The Bar Council has obtained a legal opinion from Michael Beloff, QC, who says the plans to make new entrants do six months' training in chambers before they can call themselves barristers could cause indirect discrimination.

The plans, to be debated by the Bar Council on June 8, might also be contrary to British competition policy, his opinion says.

Mother testifies

The mother of a man accused of murdering a schoolgirl after a pantomime told the High Court in Glasgow yesterday that she found her son's blood-spattered jeans in the washing machine the next day. Nettie McGuire, 66, gave evidence against her son, Gavin, 37, who denies murdering Mhairi Julyan, 16.

Scouts' truce

A judge at Peterborough County Court granted a temporary injunction against the leader of a breakaway group of Sea Scouts, awarded £1,500 costs against him and banned the group from its rival's hut at St Ives, Cambridgeshire, except for three meetings a week. A full hearing will be held later.

Roller kills man

An Oxford University groundsman died after he was crushed under a motorised roller while preparing a cricket pitch at the Christ Church sports ground. Maurice Honey, 55, was taken to hospital but died soon afterwards. Police said that his daughter witnessed the accident.

Tenneh released

Tenneh Cole, the five-year-old orphan brought to Britain for a life-saving operation to remove a bullet from behind her eye, was released yesterday from the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. Tenneh, who has lost the sight in one eye, is due to return to her home in Sierra Leone today.

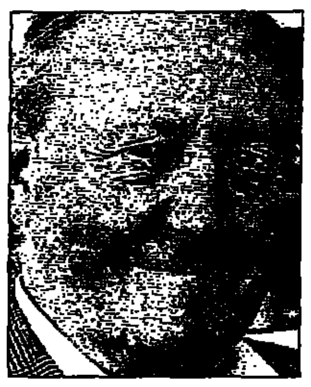
Unionists fear new party may hijack their traditional votes

BY NICHOLAS WATT
CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A NEW Unionist party which is campaigning on a firmly anti-sectarian ticket is threatening to eat into the traditional support of the Ulster Unionists in tomorrow's election.

The United Kingdom Unionist Party, which was launched by Bob McCartney, the independent MP for North Down, is running such an impressive campaign that the Ulster Unionists have directed their fire against it.

David Trimble, who is facing his first electoral test since becoming Ulster Unionist leader last September, said on Monday that the Union could be damaged if voters supported small parties such as the UK Unionists. Amid Ulster Unionist fears that Mr McCartney could win some of its traditional middle-class support, Mr Trimble said that a "shredding" of the Unionist vote would weaken Unionists at the forthcoming all-party talks.



Conor Cruise O'Brien: long political journey

Mr McCartney dismisses his critics as "rank amateurs" and believes that his formidable list of candidates, which includes Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien, the former Irish politician, overshadows his opponents. Mr McCartney, 60, who won North Down in a by-election last year, hopes to win widespread Unionist support, ranging from the Democratic Unionists to the Alliance Party, with his "twin message".

He says he is tough on Northern Ireland's position within the United Kingdom, which he will refuse to negotiate at all-party talks, but he is liberal in rejecting any form of Protestant sectarianism.

Mr McCartney, who is one of Northern Ireland's leading QCs, said: "Middle-class professionals who have no truck with the tub-thumping of traditional Ulster parties now have a pluralist party they can identify with. They can also feel socially comfortable with our party which combines intelligent analysis with the capacity to negotiate the best deal for the Union."

The MP, who was expelled from the Ulster Unionists in 1987 when he broke the party's election pact with the sitting independent MP in North Down, hopes to win up to nine seats on Thursday. He is fielding 40 candidates in 16 of the 18 constituencies and will use Dr O'Brien as one of his key advisers at the talks, if he is elected.

Dr O'Brien, who was a member of the Irish government delegation at the last big talks on Northern Ireland at Sunningdale in 1973, says his decision to stand on Thursday marks the culmination of a long political journey from Irish nationalist politics to staunch defender of the Union. Although he is 78, Dr O'Brien has been out on the stump with Mr McCartney every day this week to oppose the "crazy project" of the nationalist peace process.

He said: "This process has nothing to do with peace in the ordinary sense of the term. Sinn Fein's concept of peace is the state of affairs which will ensue after the elimination of Northern Ireland."

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Talks fail to reach accord

THE British and Irish governments failed again yesterday to agree on the issue of arms decommissioning in more than two hours of talks (Audrey Magee writes).

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, and Dick Spring, the Irish Deputy Prime Minister, met in Dublin yesterday to discuss the matter before the all-party talks due to begin on June 10, and will try again next Tuesday to resolve differences.

Mr Spring described yesterday's meeting as "satisfactory", and said a wide range of issues was discussed including the report on decommissioning drawn up by the former US Senator George Mitchell. Sir Patrick said yesterday's meeting was "useful and helpful", but a lot of work remained to be completed.

He said the outlook was "not pessimistic", and promptly ruled out any suggestion that the all-party talks might be postponed.

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Shotgun raiders kill German on visit to twin town

By Joanna Bale

A GERMAN tourist on a twinning visit to Bedford was shot dead in front of her husband during a bungled hotel robbery early yesterday as they sat drinking with friends.

Johanna Czardebon, 56, who arrived in England on Thursday for the trip with 150 of her countrymen, had been due to return home tomorrow. The dead woman's husband was expected to fly home last night. Detective Superintendent Dick Read said yesterday: "Herr Czardebon is distraught. They came to Bedford on a pleasure trip and their lives have been destroyed. It has obviously affected the whole party."

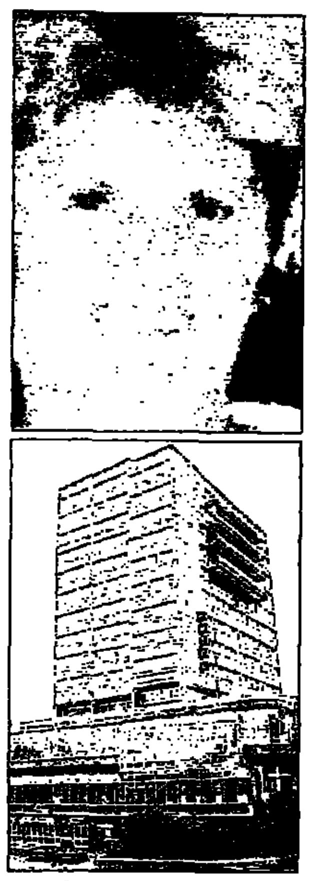
Frau Czardebon had been sitting in the bar of the County Hotel in Bedford with her husband Fritz and a group of friends when two men with sawn-off shotguns burst into the nearby reception.

While one threatened the assistant manager, Daniel Stewart, the other leapt over the counter and tried to open the safe. When Mr Stewart refused to help, he leapt back over the counter and ran towards the bar where he bumped into Herman Otto, one of the party of Germans who were visiting from Bedford's twin town of Bamberg in Bavaria.

Detective Superintendent Read said: "One of the tour party bumped into the gunman and was struck in the stomach with the shotgun. The gun went off shortly afterwards and the German woman suffered fatal head wounds. The two men then fled empty-handed."

Detectives used interpreters to interview the tourists who were part of a larger group of 50 staying at the hotel for the town's River Festival last weekend.

Herr Otto, who is in his fifties, said: "I was having beer and coffee with my wife and friends in the bar. It was just after midnight and I got up to go to bed because we were planning to visit Windsor and London in the morning. As I was going to the lift a masked man ran up and shoved the barrel right into my stomach. Then there was a loud bang and Johanna was completely covered in blood. She had been sitting just a few yards away with her husband."



Johanna Czardebon: shot at County Hotel

Police said yesterday that Frau Czardebon, who has a 33-year-old daughter and three grandchildren, was shot at "very close range" in the head and died almost immediately. They appealed for witnesses who may have seen the men running from the hotel. The two were wearing balaclavas and dark clothing. The man whose gun went off is around 6ft tall, of average but athletic build and in his late twenties to early thirties. The other was 5ft 7in tall and in his early twenties.

The Czardebons travelled to Bedford from Bamberg with a group that included councillors, traders, a band and dancers. They had been to several civic receptions and the highlight of their visit was the River Festival, which attracted around 250,000 visitors over the weekend. On Bank Holiday Monday the Czardebons travelled to York and returned to the County Hotel for dinner.

Laurie Gould, chief executive of Bedford Borough Council, had dined at the hotel with councillors from Bamberg. He said: "I left the hotel shortly after midnight and was called back at 2am. Everyone was in a state of shock. Herbert Lauer, Bamberg's mayor, was exercising a calming influence despite the fact that he was in shock himself and absolutely perplexed that something like this could have happened.

"Everyone in the council is aghast. Our sympathies are with the family and the people who came to Bedford for what should have been a fruitful and enjoyable visit."

Another Bedford councillor, Dave Lewis, said: "I am shocked and disgusted. These people were out enjoying themselves. It brings home the appalling state of the society we live in. It is sickening."

Links were forged between Bedford and Bamberg in 1972 with a series of school exchanges and the two towns signed an official twinning charter five years later. A civic group from Bedford last visited Germany in October on an annual visit led by the mayor.

A council spokeswoman said: "There are trips going out to Bamberg throughout the year from local schools, musical groups and even a group of dentists. The Bedford Bamberg Association also organises trips for individuals who are interested in going."

Bedford decided to twin with Bamberg in 1985 after a visit there by an evening class of adult German language students, who were captivated by the remarkable architecture and its civic hospitality.

Frau Inga Kuhn, the city information officer, said: "Our inhabitants are very quiet people. We are a place for culture and history and the crime rate is very low."

PETER NICHOLLS

Jaymee's sister Charlotte drawing comfort from their father David Bowen after the church service yesterday

World sends flowers as Jaymee is buried to a steel drum lullaby

By Carol Midgley

JAYMEE BOWEN, the 11-year-old girl who lost her battle against leukaemia last week, was buried yesterday with 140 red roses symbolising her "zest for life".

Mourners, including many school friends, each threw an individual flower into her grave as steel drums played the hymn *The Lord Is My Shepherd*.

Her father David had asked for the funeral to be a celebration of Jaymee's life rather than a mourning of her death, and her favourite pop songs — *Baby Love*, by Diana Ross, and *Farewell My Summer Love*, by Michael Jackson, were played to the congregation at St John's parish church in Croydon, south London.

The Rev Colin Boswell, the vicar, said that Jaymee had generated courage and hope. "She has been an example to us all, not only to other children but to all of us who are human, an example of what it is to rise above pain, to be creative at times when it seems hopeless."

Jaymee died a week ago from acute myeloid leukaemia, 15 months after being treated from private funds when the NHS said that her case was too hopeless to justify further chemotherapy. The decision by Cambridge Health Authority divided medical experts and resulted in Jaymee becoming nationally known as Child B.

Flowers were sent from around the world and included an arrangement from Michael Jackson, whose card read: "May your courage be an inspiration to us all. Your spirit shines through." The funeral cortege of 22 limousines drove with police escort from Jaymee's grandparents' home in Thornton Heath, south London, and passed the Mayday Hospital in Croydon where 11 years and 10 months ago she was born. The procession was so large that parts of south London came to a standstill.

Jaymee, who had indicated she would prefer to be buried because she hated the idea of cremation, was interred in her great-grandmother's grave at Bandon Hill Cemetery, Wallington, with her favourite teddy bear Fred.

Mr Bowen wept as he touched the white coffin for the last time in church and whispered: "Bye, Jaymee". He was accompanied by her sister Charlotte, 10, who donated the bone marrow and blood cells that helped to prolong Jaymee's life, and by his girlfriend Susan.

Charlotte sent flowers in the shape of an angel with a card that read: "Jaymee, I love you more each day." Jaymee's mother Alyson Bowen, who separated from Mr Bowen when Jaymee was three, when he won custody, was inconsolable.

Aubrey Bryan, who played his steel drums at Jaymee's 11th birthday party last year, had written a special piece which he played in church. Sarah Barclay, the BBC *Panorama* journalist who made a documentary about Jaymee's life and wrote her biography, gave an appreciation. "You said you wanted to be just an ordinary girl, but even if you hadn't been so ill, you could never have been ordinary," she said.

Women remove men from national anthem

By Joe Joseph

THOSE who are prone to snigger at Birmingham found another reason to do so yesterday when the words of the national anthem were modified to please four women who expressed dissatisfaction with its sentiments.

The women had bridled at singing the words "brothers" and "men" in the anthem's second verse during the Lord Mayor's Show. They said as much, and the city's Provost agreed. Which is how it happened that instead of singing *"That men should brothers be"*, the 150 dignitaries gathered in the council chambers on Monday, including former Lord Mayors, sang *"That all should united be"*.

The women were pleased. Some other Brummies were bothered and saw the switch as political correctness gone mad. Sir Bernard Zissman for one. "I know Birmingham is a great city," Sir Bernard, a former Lord Mayor, said, "but I didn't know we had the right to change the national anthem. I asked the Provost if he would be changing the words of the Lord's Prayer next."

The Very Rev Peter Berry insists it was his decision alone to change the words of the rarely sung second verse at the blessing of the new Lord Mayor, Marion Arnott-Job.

The Provost said yesterday: "It did seem anachronistic to sing *'That men should brothers be'* when Birmingham's Lord Mayor, and the leader of the Labour and Tory groups in the council, are all women." He added that, in any case, there were no fixed verses of the anthem beyond the first.

The full verse, published in 1744 and much changed since, reads: *"Lord make the nations see, That men should brothers be, And form one family, The wide world o'er."*

A spokesman for Buckingham Palace said there were no official words, that they were a matter of "tradition, rather than official decree".

The Provost, bemused and a touch amused, rather than upset, by all the commotion, said: "I think in future I will use just the one verse of the anthem."

Missing French girl 'was victim of assault'

By Tim Jones

DETECTIVES were last night interviewing a French schoolgirl who walked into a London police station four days after disappearing on a visit to a nightclub in Cardiff.

Fanny Paltor, 17, had last been seen accepting a lift in a car occupied by five youths after she had left the nightclub. A search was launched after the girl, known also as Nina, failed to turn up at the local hotel where she was a waitress on a work experience scheme.

Her father Marcel, a headmaster, said yesterday: "Nina spoke to me on the telephone and was obviously upset. She told me she had been attacked. My wife and I are very shocked but relieved that she is alive." Her mother, Marie-Claire, speaking from the family home in Beaulieu-sur-Sonnettes in southwest France, said: "I do not know what happened to her but we hope she will be back home soon."

Staff at the Campanile Hotel in Cardiff said they wept with relief when they heard Fanny was alive and well. Lee Bailey, the manager, said: "As time went on we were all becoming more and more worried about her. I suppose now she will just want to return home and go back to her school in France."

Doctor jailed for attacking driver over right of way

By Paul Wilkinson

A DOCTOR who attacked a college lecturer in a dispute over the right of way in a narrow street was jailed for two weeks yesterday. Paul Tien, who denied criminal damage, also faces being struck off the medical register.

Dr Tien, 45, a locum in Rochdale, Greater Manchester, was ordered to pay compensation of £485 and costs of £120. He was freed on bail pending appeal against his conviction and sentence.

Nicholas Foster, an English and media studies tutor, told Oldham magistrates that Dr Tien repeatedly kicked his car before wrenching the door open and trying to grab the steering wheel. Mr Foster said he sat in fear in his car and told Dr Tien: "It's road rage, you must be suffering from road rage."

The incident happened last January when Mr Foster was about to turn into a car park at Oldham Sixth Form College. Dr Tien, who worked in the Rochdale Infirmary casualty unit, was driving the other way in his Volvo but could not pass because a car was double-parked on his side.

Mary Marsland, for the prosecution, said: "Mr Foster believed it was up to Dr Tien to give way. The two cars ended up nose to nose and the Volvo didn't move. Then the driver seemed to calmly step out of his car and walk over to Mr Foster. As he got nearer he clenched his fist and began to lash out at the bonnet and front wing of Mr Foster's car.

"Mr Foster became increasingly afraid and the driver opened the door of Mr Foster's car and pulled at the steering wheel. His eyes were darting about and he was shouting. He then slammed the door and kicked it very hard."

Graham Bailey, for the defence, said: "Road rage may be considered a proper description of this incident. It arose out of innocuous circumstances and clearly should never have taken place. At worst it was a one-off and wholly out of character."

Tien: faces being struck off medical register

Spare twins, mother begged school gang

By Paul Wilkinson

A WOMAN left close to death by a gang of schoolboys said yesterday that she pleaded with them not to hurt her two-year-old twin daughters.

Marcia Onwuna, 22, had taken Kelsey and Kaleigh for a walk in Croxteth country park, Merseyside. Yesterday, she took frequent deep breaths from an oxygen supply beside her bed in Walton Hospital, Liverpool, as she said: "I had just taken the girls to see the ducks in the pond when I saw six boys in school uniform. They shouted very rude and nasty things.

"They looked very young so I shouted back to them that I was old enough to be their mother. All I can remember is that they came from behind and then they hit me over my head and grabbed me by the hair. I shouted 'Hit me, hit me, don't hurt my babies'. They were all punching and kicking me on the floor. I could feel pains everywhere. I really did think I was going to die."

Gary Walsh, 33, an off-duty fireman who found Miss Onwuna, said earlier that he discovered the girls were holding pills they had taken from their mother's bag. "She was just lying on the ground, saying 'Don't hit me, don't hit me'. My wife took care of the twins while I put Marcia in the recovery position."

New cable channel will feed the spirit

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion Correspondent

CHAT SHOWS, religious rock and an "agony uncle" will be battling for television viewers' souls when Britain's first Christian cable channel opens in October. Nudity, sex, violence and bad language will not be appearing.

Ark2 is aimed at the millions of people in Britain who have spiritual leanings but do not go to church — the 71 per cent of the population who feel a spiritual void in their lives and the even greater number who pray regularly but are not sure who or what they are praying to.

The channel, dreamt up by a group of Christian professional broadcasters and funded by Christian businessmen, will not be "goody-goody TV" but "good TV", a spokesman said. It will reach out to all age groups, with programmes ranging from an exploration of the moral issues covered in soap operas to *Godwatch*, an investigation into biblical events, prayer, debate and meditation.

Ark2 has raised £1.8 million towards its start-up costs of £2.5 million and eight cable companies are competing to broadcast the Bristol-based channel, which will run "normal" programming from Monday to Saturday with more heavyweight religious items on Sunday.

Programmes will include a religious rock show and a late-evening phone-in counselling show headed by Steve Chalke, a Baptist minister. The MPs David Alton, Paul Boateng and John Taylor will examine political events from a moral perspective. Libby Purves of *The Times* will host a weekly debate while an arts programme will feature international figures.

Programme-makers will include Carlton and the BBC as well as Christian production houses and producers in the United States and Australia.

Ross Coad, the chief executive, said: "People are being fed negative images and terrible things are happening — head teachers can be stabbed to death outside their school. We are confident that Ark2 can help to turn things around by feeding the human spirit."

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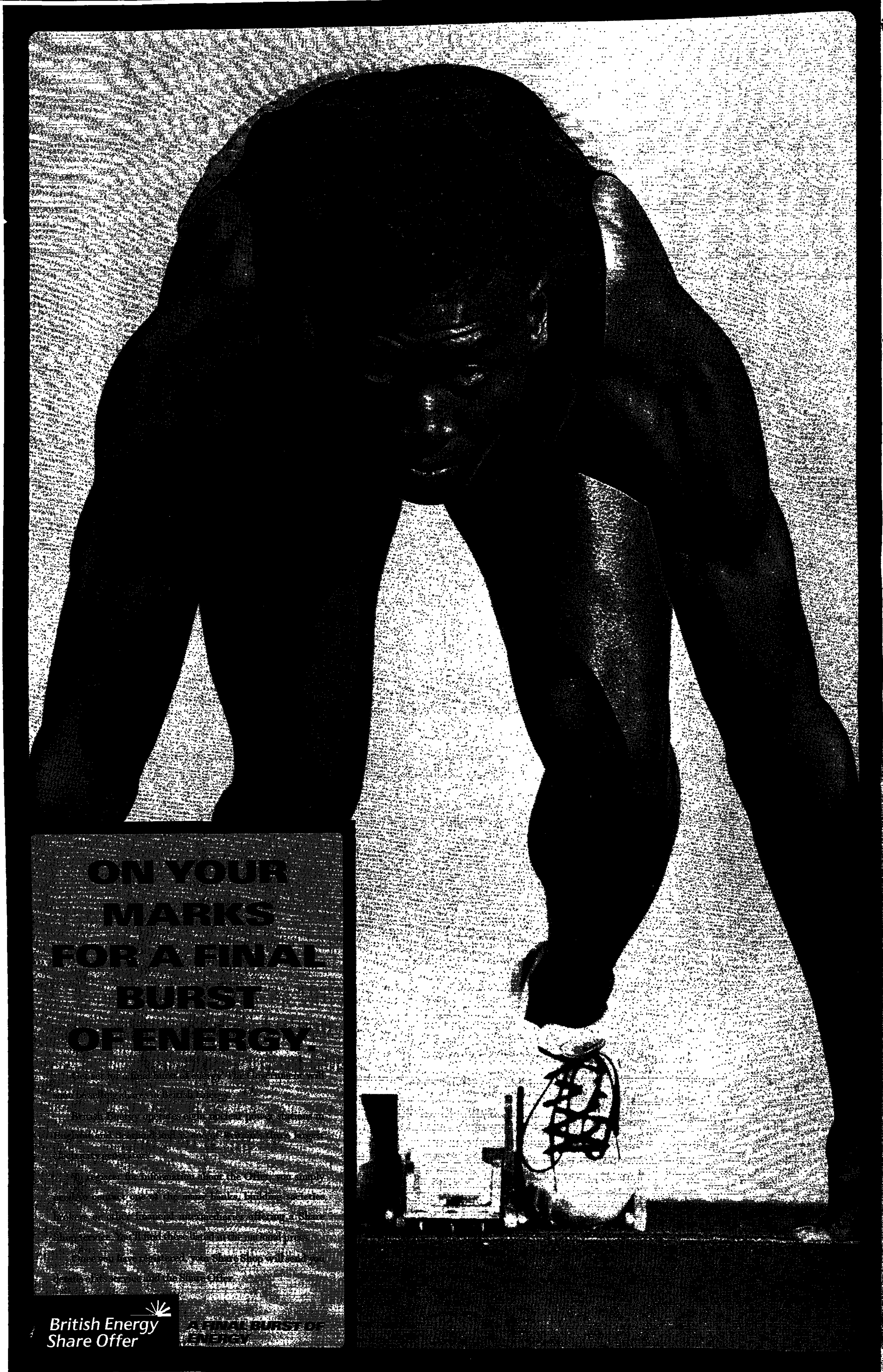

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Loyal charities speak up for beleaguered Duchess

By Alan Hamilton

IN THE week in which her divorce becomes absolute and she relinquishes the title Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of York's small fistful of charities have rallied round to offer her their support.

Reports that the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA) were dropping the Duchess, who has been their president for three years, were strongly denied yesterday by the charity and by the Duchess's own staff. The Duchess's three-year term as president comes to an end in September and she is involved in talks with the association on her future role.

The Duchess's office said yesterday that it was at her own request that she should not serve a further term as president, but that she wished to continue working for the charity in a different role, which had not yet been agreed. The charity said that the Duchess had been "of tremendous support", and had helped to raise £200,000 in the past four years.

"The Duchess has expressed her desire and commitment to continue helping to promote awareness of motor neurone disease. The association welcomes this and is looking forward to continuing to work with the Duchess in the future," a spokeswoman said.

Other charities with which the Duchess is associated were anxious to offer her support yesterday, as she stood on the threshold of an increasingly uncertain future. Unlike other royals, who hold huge portfolios of charity patronage, the Duchess is figurehead of only four other significant charities in Britain and one in the US.

Caroline Winterbottom, spokeswoman for Tommy's, the appeal for research into premature and stillborn births at St Thomas's Hospital in London, of which the Duchess is patron, said yesterday: "We are very happy with the work she has done for us; she will continue as before."

Staff at the Teenage Cancer Trust, which raises money to fund special units in hospitals, said their royal patron had always supported them and they hoped she would continue to do so.

Deborah Oxley, manager of Children in Crisis, a charity founded by the Duchess herself in 1993 to help disadvantaged children, mainly in the Balkans and Eastern Europe, said that the Duchess would continue as chairwoman. "We are very happy that she should continue with us. Without her we could not have raised £4.6 million in three years to help children in Bosnia, Croatia, Poland, Albania and Belarus. She is able to open doors for us that others cannot."

Ms Oxley agreed that the Duchess had suffered a great deal of bad personal publicity since separating from the Duke of York, but she said: "The overall effect on her charity work has been very positive, despite adverse personal coverage in the media."

Despite the loyalty of her charity managers, the Duchess's problems will not go away easily. Faced with reported debts of £3 million, she has been told by the Queen that, as she ran up those debts herself, she will not be bailed out from the private royal coffers.

Her hopes of paying off some of her debts through marketing of her *Budgie the Helicopter* books suffered a blow earlier this month when it was reported that ITV had cancelled plans to make a fourth television series based on the books, for which the Duchess has already been accused of plagiarism.

The financial settlement to which she will be entitled when her divorce is finalised tomorrow will do little to ease her predicament. The deal is believed to offer her a total of £2 million, but the bulk will be put in trust for her daughters Princess Beatrice and Princess Eugenie. The Duchess is further bound by a clause which prevents her writing a "kiss and tell" account of her ten-year association with the Royal Family, although she is said to be considering writing a book on how to be a single mother.

A spokeswoman for the Charities Aid Foundation, which advises charities on how to maximise resources, said: "There is no decline in the importance of the Royal Family as patrons and presidents. The relationship is firmly entrenched and it continues to be a valuable one. Royal patronage lends charities a great deal of kudos."

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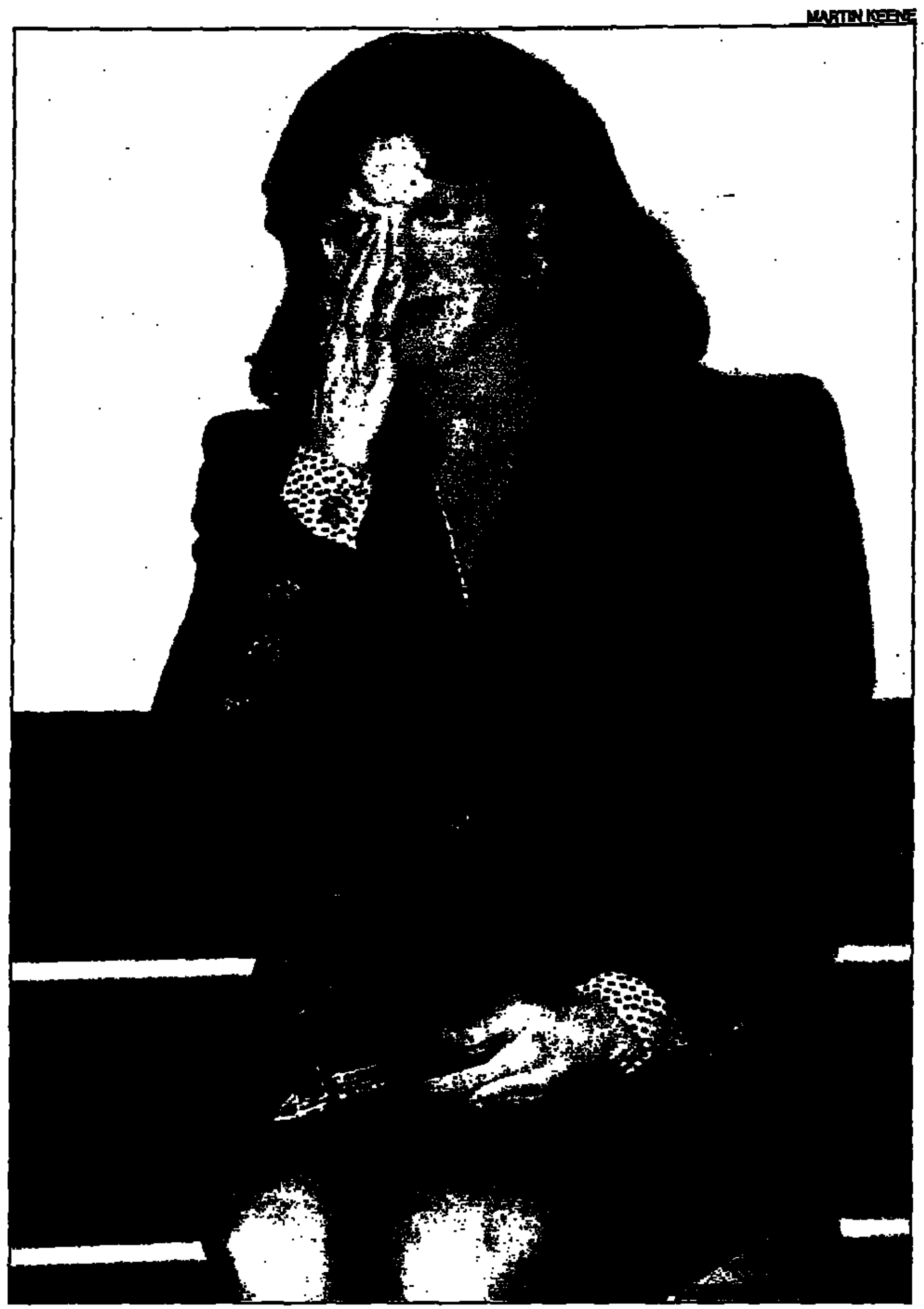

The Duchess after receiving a standing ovation at the MNDA conference in 1992

Kensington Palace intruder bound over

AN INTRUDER who knocked on doors in the museum section of Kensington Palace in the middle of the night, demanding to see the Princess of Wales, was bound over yesterday to keep the peace.

The Princess was asleep in her apartments and unaware of the incident early last Monday when police arrested Liam Whitney. Whitney, 36, was carrying a book about the Princess when he climbed over a fence into Kensington Gardens, a public park closed at night, and scaled another fence into the Orangery, also open to the public during the day. He was arrested after knocking on the doors of buildings that do not come within the secure area patrolled by police.

Whitney, who lives at a South Kensington hotel, admitted a breach of The Royal and Other Parks and Gardens Regulations, 1977. He told police that he wanted to see the Princess but did not elaborate in court yesterday.

Royal patronage covers full spectrum of worthy causes

By Alan Hamilton
and Michael Horsnell

THE names of members of the Royal Family appear on letterheads across the spectrum of charities. The Queen is meticulous in not favouring one over the other but other members tend to take particular interest in their favourite cause.

The Queen: patron or president of more than 750 charities, from Barnardo's to the RSPCA and the RNLI. She takes no significant active part in any. There is no more desirable name on a charity letterhead.

The Duke of Edinburgh: even more charity-endowed than the Queen, his name is attached to more than 800 organisations, from Lord's Taverners to Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF), British Heart Foundation to the Variety Club, Outward Bound to Muscular Dystrophy. Active, engaged and voluble president of the WWF.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother: indefatigable at 95, with 351 patronages still under her belt from British Red Cross to the Guide Association, National Trust to the Tidy Britain Group. Especially close to her heart is patronage of the Injured Jockeys' Fund.

Princess Royal: queen of the charity workers who works like a Trojan as president of the Save the Children Fund, helping to raise its profile and income into one of the leading global players in Third World aid. Also active in Riding for the Disabled and the Butler Trust, which makes awards for good work among prison officers. Her title adorns a further 249 charity letterheads.

Prince of Wales: king of the charitably concerned, the Prince lends his name to 507 organisations but directs most of his energy at his own invention, the Prince's Trust, an umbrella organisation founded on a shoestring in 1976 which now has a £30 million annual turnover and is one of the most effective youth charities in Britain.

Princess of Wales: when she "withdrew from public life" she did not go so far as to resign her charity patronages. Still with 126 in her portfolio, led by Great Ormond Street hospital, Centrepoint Soho, Relate (formerly the Marriage Guidance Council), National Aids Trust and organisations for meningitis, lung disease, leprosy and Parkinson's.

Princess Margaret: a second-division player these days with only 87 charities on her books. Usually seen at parades of the Guide Association, also lends her name to the Royal Ballet, St John Ambulance and NSPCC.

Duchess of York: only six significant charities — Chemical Dependency Centre; the Tommy's campaign for premature baby research at St Thomas's Hospital, London; Teenage Cancer Trust; Motor Neurone Disease Association and Children in Crisis, founded by the duchess in 1993.

Fire crews vote to join strike plan

Firefighters in Derbyshire yesterday became the second brigade in a week to vote for a series of nine-hour strikes. They are expected to begin joint action on June 10 with Essex firefighters, who decided on Thursday to begin identical strikes against proposed cuts in fire cover.

Derbyshire County Council has cut its firefighting budget by £1.3 million but says the brigade would still meet minimum standards for cover.

Cyclist shot

A boy aged 15 was recovering in hospital in Sheffield after teenagers shot him with an airgun while he was cycling through woods. Police said Ricky Chapman was lucky not to have lost his left eye after being hit in the temple.

Driver attacked

A woman who works for a car-hire firm was attacked by three men as they stole the Mercedes she was driving in West Bromwich, West Midlands. They pushed her into a hedge, kicked her in the stomach and punched her.

Croc shock

The skull, flesh and teeth of a crocodile found in a brook in Finchley, north London, are being examined by experts at London Zoo. They were found by an off-duty RSPCA inspector who was out walking his dog.

Buttonholed

A woman who runs an east London stall was ordered by Marlborough Street Court to pay £1,300 to the Oxford Street men's outfitter Cecil Gee. She damaged seven designer suits by snipping off 11 buttons to put on second-hand clothes.

Cliff escape

A woman who fell 150ft down a cliff while out with friends in Tynemouth, Tyne and Wear, escaped with just a broken finger and bruises. Nora Garity, 47, of North Shields, was rescued by firemen who used ropes to reach her.

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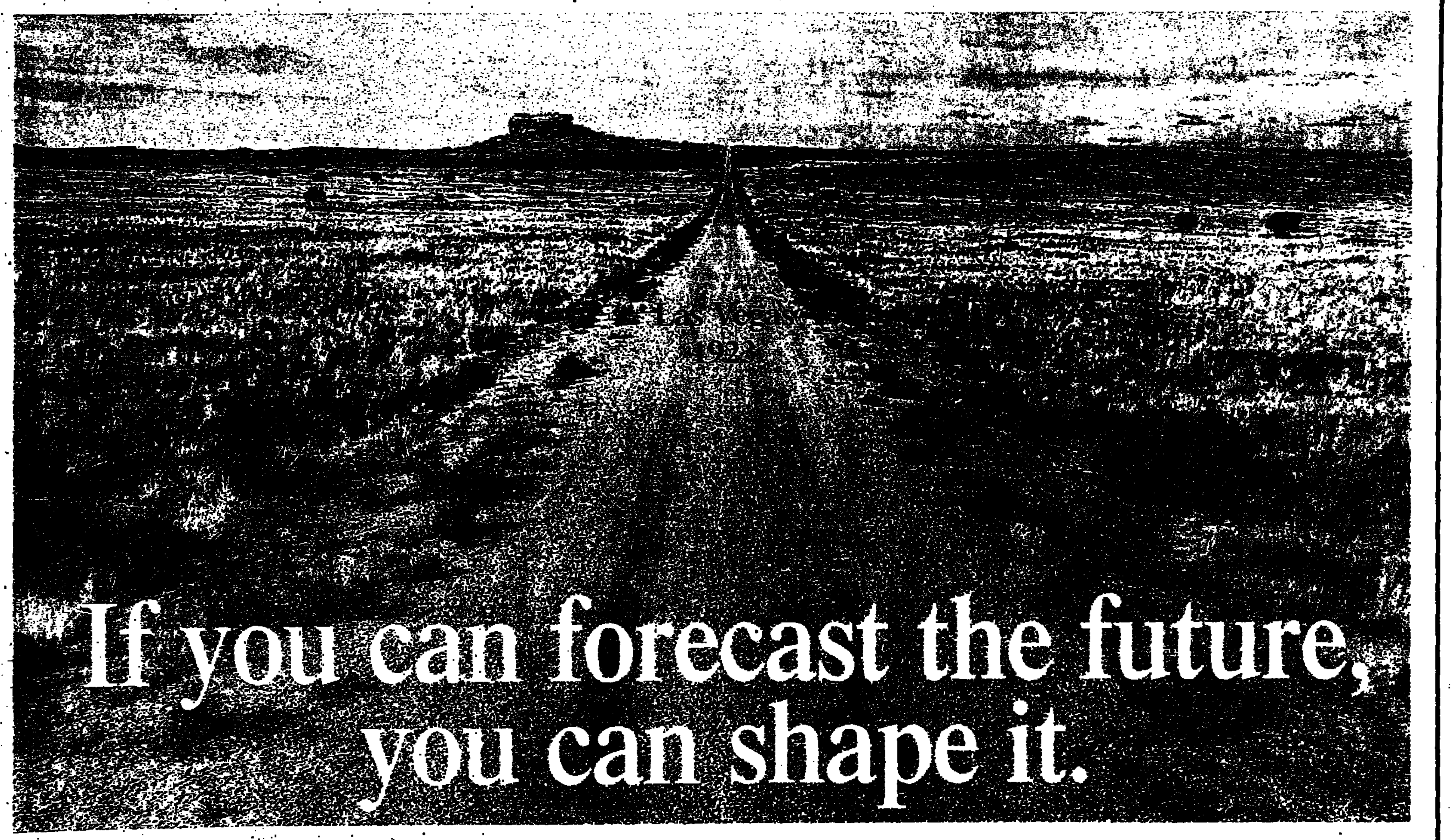

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Heads seek right to expel pupils with violent parents

By John O'Leary
Education Editor

SCHOOLS should be allowed to expel the children of parents who attack staff, head teachers' leaders said yesterday.

A primary school head who was injured in an incident with an irate mother claimed yesterday that such violence was becoming a serious problem. Liz Paver, head of Intake First School, in Doncaster, lost a tooth when the mother of a five-year-old girl who had been hurt in a playground accident drove off as she was leaning through her car window. "She left taking me with her and I lost a front tooth and injured my knee," she said.

Exclusions from primary and secondary schools are at record levels. But leaders of the National Association of Head Teachers said the children of violent parents should be added to the figures if an incident destroyed the relationship between school and family. David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said he recognised that such a move would be seen as visiting the sins of the parent on the child, but added: "It may be in the child's interests to get a fresh start in another school, where a better relationship can be established."

Mr Hart said the union would support any member who excluded a pupil after such an assault by a parent. Current legal advice is that an independent appeals panel would be likely to overturn an exclusion in such circumstances, but the union is lobbying ministers to issue fresh guidance. Margaret Morrissey, the spokeswoman for the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations, said she could not accept punishing children for their parents' action. "I sympathise with teachers for what they have to put up with, but this is not the right way of going about it."

In Mrs Paver's case, which took place a month ago, the child is still in school following an apology from the family. The father is a school governor and the family had always been supportive of the school.

The incident happened the day after the girl had been knocked over by an older boy in what Mrs Paver described as "playground rough and tumble". The girl's mother came into school and scolded the boy and was still agitated when she left the premises, having been asked to leave the matter to the staff.

Mrs Paver followed because she felt the mother was in no state to drive and was trying to calm her down when she drove off suddenly. "It looks as if road rage and abuse in school have come together in this particular incident," she said. The police were informed, but were expected to limit any action to a caution in view of the mother's clean record.

Mrs Paver, a head for 20 years, will become President of the union for 1997-98. She said: "In the past five years I have had many more colleagues who have felt threatened by parents who, rather than consult on a way forward, have taken the law into their own hands. They see their child's needs above all the other members of the class, lose control and often resort to violence."

The union said there were 27 serious assaults on members in the past year — nine by pupils, 16 by parents and two by members of the public.

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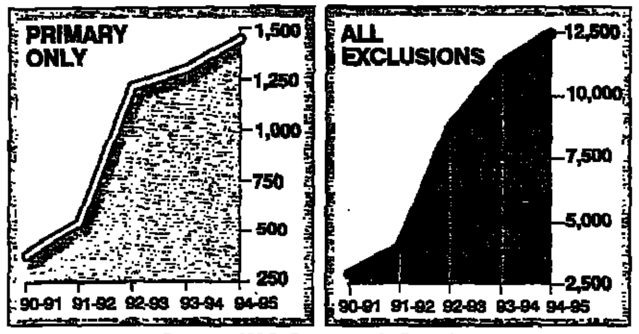

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Liz Paver, a head teacher who lost a tooth after an altercation with a parent

Dyslexia assessed three years after boy's exclusion

By Lin Jenkins

WHEN Marion Ward was told her six-year-old son Christopher was being expelled from primary school she feared his education would be doomed.

In the following three years the boy was expelled from a further three schools, assessed at a school for those with behavioural difficulties, sent at public expense to a private school and taught at home. Dr Ward had to convince education officials that Christopher was dyslexic and that his tantrums were manageable.

Most of the increasing numbers of pupils sent home from primary school have nowhere to go. They wait an average of 14 weeks before an alternative school is found or home tuition arranged. The latter option rarely gives children more than five hours of schooling a week, often in unsatisfactory surroundings of an overcrowded home with the distractions of pre-school children, babies, parents and their friends.

Dr Ward, a college lecturer, and her husband, Eric, a clinical pyschologist, who adopted Christopher when he was five and in care, had an independent assessment, which found him of above average intelligence, but in December 1991 one school called in social services.

"We were shocked," said Dr Ward, who resorted to teaching her son at home. "They said we were middle class and pushy."

Christopher was eventually assessed as dyslexic. He settled into a primary school and is now at secondary school. He has a laptop computer for his written work and four hours a week with an individual tutor.

Carl Parsons, of Christ Church College, Canterbury, author of a report on excluded children, found some children went without any education for up to a year. In other cases local authorities regarded two hours a week as their legal requirement towards primary age children.

The Education Act 1993 requires education authorities to provide "suitable full-time or part-time education" for those excluded. It defines suitable as "efficient".

Mr Parsons said: "That does not mean effective but means efficient in terms of the allocation of funds and most LEAs consider two hours a week to be the legal minimum, although some do provide three or five."

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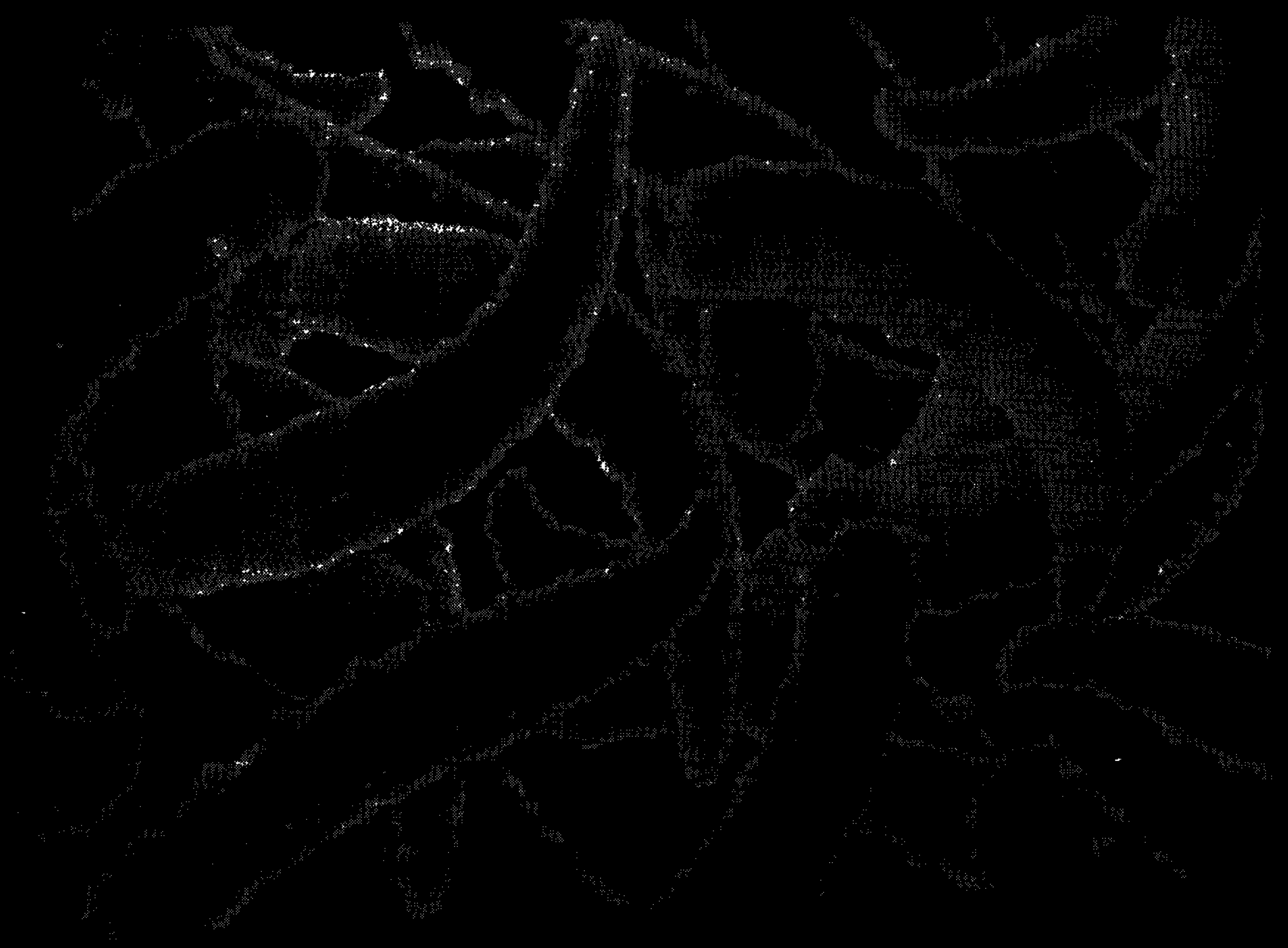

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Fears over chemicals in milk may be misplaced

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

Manufacturers of baby milk yesterday insisted their products were safe as family doctors and advice groups dealt with a flood of calls from anxious parents. A spokeswoman for the National Childbirth Trust said: "We have had hundreds of calls from very angry and very worried women who are absolutely beside themselves. We can't really cope with the problem as we have no information to give them." But a spokesman for Cow & Gate, one of the four major producers, said: "The formulas are perfectly safe and there's no need for concern." SMA, another leading manufacturer, said: "All the brands tested were well within the Government's permitted daily tolerance limits and are a hundred-fold below which there might be a safety question."

WORRIED mothers who abandon bottle-feeding because of the discovery in baby milk of traces of chemicals which might affect the fertility of boys may be doing do their babies no favours. Studies have shown that breast milk contains traces of chemicals that may be at least as dangerous as those found in infant formulae — if either presents a risk at all, which many toxicologists question.

The chemicals are different — phthalates in formula milk, and dioxins in breast milk — but both belong to the group of chemicals suspected of mimicking the behaviour of natural hormones. Exposure to them in the womb or in the first few weeks of life may affect the sexual development of children, especially boys.

Scandinavian scientists have claimed that one in ten women have such high levels of dioxin in their bodies that they should breast-feed for only a few weeks at most. But the Department of Health, supported by advice from the Committee on the Toxicology of Chemicals, argues that they present no hazard.

The department says breast is still best, in spite of the dioxins. The chemicals are produced by incinerating household waste and are in all our bodies, as are other long-lived chemicals, such as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

The fear that these chemicals may have subtle and previously unsuspected effects has turned toxicology on its head. As poisons, they are present in food at levels far below those which would cause damage. But as disrupters of the hormone system in the womb, or the first few months of life, they could do damage at much lower levels. The committee's advice is that although breast-fed babies can receive big doses of dioxins — up to ten times the tolerable daily intake — in the early months of life, this is irrelevant over a whole lifetime.

But, at a recent meeting at Lancaster University, Dr Michael DeVito of the US Environmental Protection Agency said this approach ignored the "window of sensitivity" to the hormone-disrupters, according to the newsletter of Environmental Data Services. Whether such a window exists is disputed. Animal experiments and studies of fish in contaminated rivers suggest that some chemicals can affect sexual development. But the potential culprits are many — probably thousands. To focus only on phthalates and only on baby formulae misses the point. For example, tinned vegetables contain bisphenol-A, another potential disrupter. There are traces in the environment of the breakdown products of DDT and PCBs, both prime suspects. The fact that phthalates may be present in gravy browning or in coffee whitener is a side-issue because they are not eaten by infants.

The scientists at the Ministry of Agriculture who measured the phthalates in baby formulae investigated adult diets and found that phthalate intake averages 0.8 milligrams a day. But they believe the contamination arose when the food samples were stored before analysis and that fresh food has lower levels — 60 times lower than those found to have hormone effects in rats. This suggests that in adults the safety margin is wide enough.

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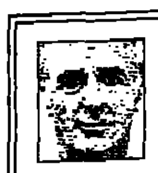
MICHAEL CRABTREE

Eighteen-month-old Joe Guerrier is recovering at Guy's Hospital, London, after becoming one of the youngest patients to be given a kidney from a live donor — in this case his mother, Lorraine, 33

Stay by the pool to be on safe side in Majorca



MEDICAL BRIEFING

THE four, or possibly five, cases of meningitis in Majorca have alarmed holidaymakers, but doctors who specialise in travel medicine feel it is important that parents planning a family holiday there should not overreact.

There are three types of bacterial meningococcal meningitis: A, B, and C. All three can cause meningococcal septicaemia. As yet the strain of the organism responsible for the outbreak in the Balearic Islands has not been identified. In Britain the B strain predominates, as it does in many other parts of Europe, the Caribbean and southern America, whereas in Africa the A and C strains are more common.

Meningococcal infection, whether it is meningitis or the even more dread meningococcal septicaemia, is unpredictable. In Britain, the meningococcal bacterium is predominantly a menace during the cold, wet winter months, but worldwide it is in the hot climate of sub-Saharan Africa that the incidence of meningitis is highest and the infection most deadly.

Meningococcal meningitis is prevalent in two age groups, under-five and late adolescence. The latter peak is possibly the result of young people starting to socialise at discos, bars and parties. The close contact involved in teenage social life may be the factor that encourages the easy spread of bacteria in small droplets of spit sprayed by coughs, sneezes, nose-blowing and kissing.

Meningitis can occur at any age. Recently, a Norfolk dentist's wife in late middle age enjoyed a happy family breakfast, apparently healthy other than for a slight headache, and was dead from the disease within 24 hours.

In the present state of medical knowledge, early diagnosis gives the best chance of survival and this, together with efficient intensive care, will reduce the death rate. However, if the disease is to be beaten, doctors must develop vaccines. Another approach is to solve the riddle of why, when one in ten people are carriers of the meningococcai, only occasionally does disease result.

Given that the incubation period of a meningococcal infection is two to ten days, travellers to Majorca from Britain and Germany probably had the bacteria in their throats when they arrived. If the factor that triggered the change from harmless commensure to savage pathogen could be discovered, the need for a vaccine would not be quite so urgent.

Should parents take their children to Majorca? Dr Peter Barrett, medical adviser to the Medical Advisory Service for Travellers, says that although four cases is more than would be expected, they do not represent a major outbreak.

If I had teenage children, I would discourage them from going to discos and recommend they spent more time by the swimming pool and less in a crowded bar. Fortunately, meningococcai infections cannot be spread by swimming pool water.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Tourists blamed for meningitis outbreak

By Harvey Elliott, Travel Correspondent

MAJORCA'S tourism director insisted yesterday that the recent cases of meningitis among tourists on the island were "no more than an unfortunate coincidence". "British tourists should not worry," said Pedro Pasqual. "Majorca is just as safe as Britain."

Mr Pasqual said that meningococcal septicaemia, which led to the deaths of two children, was not common on the island and had been contracted before they left home. Majorca has been hit by a 15 per cent slump in package holiday bookings this year and the health scare, however unjustified, will have done little to boost confidence. Four of the reported cases had booked through Airtours, which now has 23,000 clients on the island. Of those, 203 have asked to be moved to a different hotel, and 37 family groups have said they would like to return home early.

Doctors were inundated by tourists bringing children to see them with a range of ailments, none of which has proved to be meningitis. The fifth victim, six-year-old Amy Kerney from Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, is recovering in hospital on the island.

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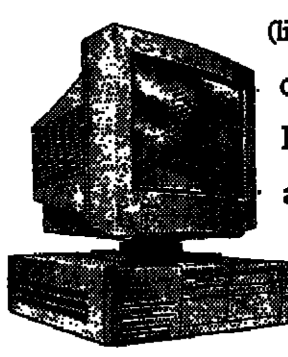

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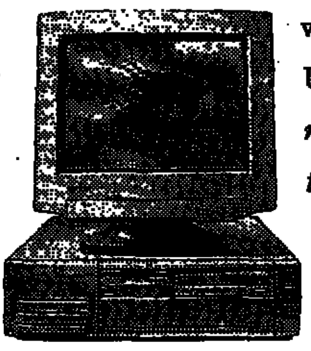

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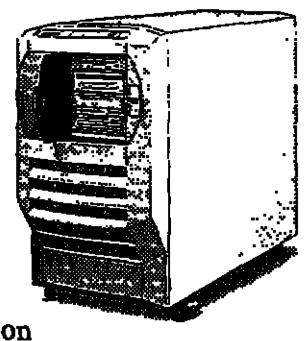

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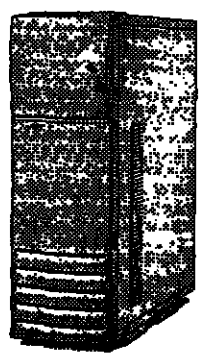

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Rover gambles on including hidden costs in list prices

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Editor

ROVER will scrap separate delivery charges and similar extras on new cars next week. The move, which will add an average of £600 to the upfront cost of its cars but do away with "hidden" extras, will force other carmakers to end a practice that adds hundreds of pounds to list prices.

The company is the first big manufacturer to get rid of the added costs. Rover prices will go up from Monday, when the all-in price takes effect, but the company believes the long-term benefit will outweigh the short-term loss of advertising prices higher than those of its rivals. Consumer groups have long campaigned against delivery charges, which range from £200 to £600, depending on model and manufacturer. A customer in John o'Groat's buying a Rover Metro would pay the same delivery charge as a buyer who lived yards from the factory in Longbridge, Birmingham, where it is made.

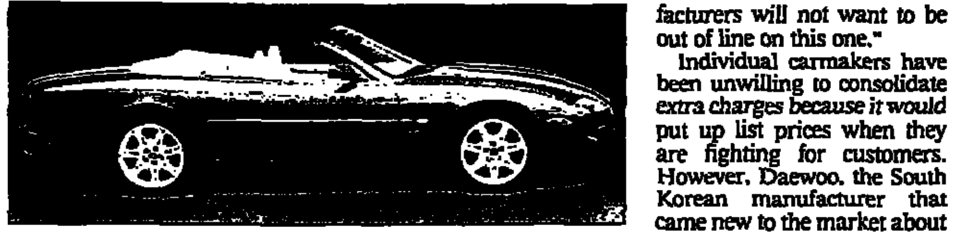
Rover customers used to pay £421 for delivery, about £20 for number plates, from £20 to £30 for a tank of fuel, the first service costs and £140 road tax. Now only road tax will be separate, so buyers will know precisely what the total bill will be when they are quoted a price by their dealer. Alan Pulham, director of the National Franchised Dealers' Association, which represents 12,000 dealers, said yesterday: "This is a significant move for the motor industry. We have said for a long time that the practice of charging a separate price for delivery was unfair to customers who want to know the cost of the car, not the cost of the car and then the worry of how much it will cost to put it on the road.

"Now we are waiting to see how the rest of the industry will react because other manufacturers will not want to be out of line on this one."

Individual carmakers have been unwilling to consolidate extra charges because it would put up list prices when they are fighting for customers. However, Daewoo, the South Korean manufacturer that came new to the market about a year ago, has attracted thousands of customers by using a clear pricing strategy with no hidden extras.

A Rover spokesman said: "You don't pay a delivery charge when you buy a washing machine, so why do that when you buy a car? You buy a car expecting to be able to put it on the road immediately without any extra costs. We know our prices will be out of line for a while but our competitors will have to follow. Everybody in the car industry has agreed that we should do this but it needed somebody to make the first move — and we decided it should be us."

Rover's move also comes in response to a big increase in sales of used cars to customers dissatisfied with the high prices and hidden charges of new vehicles. Figures later this week from HPI-Equifax will show that finance on used cars taken out in April jumped more than 30 per cent over the same month of last year. That underlines concern that buyers prefer to wait for cars to arrive on the used forecourts, some only months old but still with warranties and thousands of pounds cheaper.



The Jaguar XK8: £50,000 with no manual option

Automatic choice for sporty Jaguar

JAGUAR will announce later this year that its new XK8 sports car will be made only with automatic gearboxes. A manual gearshift will not even be offered as an optional extra (Kevin Eason writes).

The company said yesterday that customers did not want to bother changing gear when a tiny on-board computer could do the job faster and more efficiently. Only 5 per cent of Jaguars are sold with manual gearboxes and the company is moving towards eliminating them from its cars.

Jaguar wants to drop manual gearboxes because they are now more expensive to build, heavier and less efficient. Manuals cost Jaguar about £200 more than an automatic but have to be sold more cheaply to customers who expect manuals as standard equipment.

The decision marks the move away from the conventional H-shaped gearbox towards automatic boxes controlled by the flick of a switch. Vauxhall is experimenting with a small car with an automatic transmission run by a dashboard-mounted flick switch to make the car go forwards or backwards. The new generation of mini-cars, led by Mercedes next year, is also likely to use a new generation of computer-controlled electronic gearboxes that offer smoother driving and better fuel economy.

Jaguar decided to lead the way with its XK8 even though the car is described as the spiritual successor to the E-type, probably the archetypal muscular British sports car, which was launched in 1961 with a four-speed manual gearbox. The XK8, which will cost £50,000, will be seen at the British Motor Show in October.

PHIL NOBLE

Uniforms on parade at Amac, a Manchester army-surplus company awarded one of the franchises to sell surplus equipment for the MoD

Downsized MoD opens second-hand front

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

THE Ministry of Defence is involved in the biggest clear-out of second-hand weapons and equipment since the end of the Cold War, selling everything from howitzers to ceremonial uniforms.

Six years of defence cuts, leading to the closure of bases, depots and MoD buildings, and the scrapping of units including several regimental bands, have produced a huge stock of unwanted equipment. The Army's surplus stock of M109 howitzers has been sold to Austria, ceremonial uniforms are now being bought in large quantities by the Japanese and redundant musical instruments, from trombones to clarinets, are coming up for sale.

Keith Ellender, chief executive of the MoD's Disposal Sales Agency, which is responsible for the second-hand deals, has already helped to mastermind the sale of 11 frigates, seven minesweepers and an assortment of old aircraft from Canberras to Chipmunks. Six Type 21 Amazon class frigates were sold to Pakistan and four Type 22 Broadsword class frigates to Brazil for a total of £200 million. *HMS Andromeda*, a Leander class frigate, has also been sold to India for about £10 million, including support services and spares.

The success in selling ageing warships is countered by the failure so far to sell the Royal Navy's four new conventionally-powered Upholder class submarines, which had hardly entered service before being withdrawn as a result of the Options for Change defence cuts.

The Government decided to keep only nuclear-powered submarines and the four Upholders, which cost £900 million to build, were put on the market. The sale is regarded as so important and sensitive that negotiations are being handled by a special team from the MoD's Defence Sales Organisation rather than Mr Ellender's second-hand sales agency.

Although the Canadian Government remains interested in buying the four submarines, there is still no sign of a deal. MoD officials are concerned that if Canada goes ahead with the purchase the price will be embarrassingly low for a class of submarine which is still among the most sophisticated in the world.

There are also difficulties with selling old tanks. The MoD had hoped to sell Chieftains to Pakistan but the Pakistanis decided to buy Russian T72s. Old Chieftains are now mostly sold to the steel industry for recycling.

The MoD's strategy of market-testing the Armed Forces' support services, allowing outside contractors to tender for business in competition with in-house bids, has led to further surpluses of equipment. The tugs used to escort Royal Navy ships in and out of Portsmouth and other naval facilities are to be sold off because an outside firm which recently won the contract has its own vessels.

The biggest change in the MoD's second-hand sales strategy is that private-sector companies have now been brought in to handle the stocks of surplus equipment, such as spare parts, which used to be kept in warehouses around the country.

Dambuster fragment sold

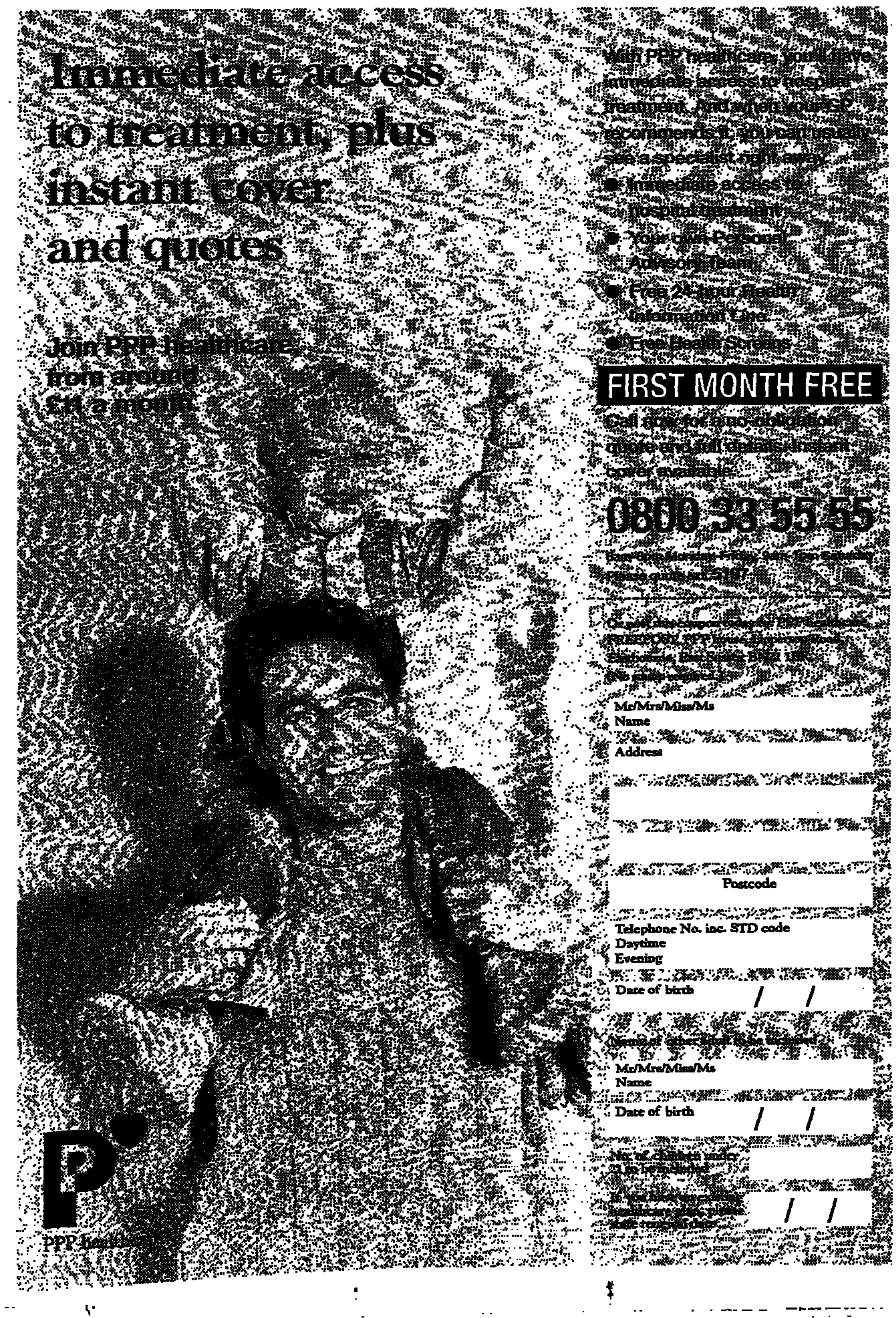
A FRAGMENT of one of the Dambuster bouncing bombs was sold for £1,150 at auction yesterday (Michael Evans writes).

The half-ton fragment was part of a Second World War bomb excavated from the seawall at Broadstairs, Kent, after it had been dropped in May 1943, three days before the raid that was intended to disrupt industrial production in the Ruhr Valley. The Dambuster aircrews rehearsed for the raid along the South Coast.

The original battle order for the raid — a single, yellowing sheet of paper — sold for £6,325, twice the expected price. It was bought by a British public institution after fierce competition from four other bidders, the London auction house Bonhams said. The same buyer bought the bomb fragment.

The battle order lists the names of the 19 aircrew from 617 Squadron who took part in the Dambuster operation. Eleven pencil marks down the side show those who returned safely. The squadron lost 53 men altogether that night during its first operations over Germany.

The collection of memorabilia was put together by Harry Humphries, 80, from Weybourne, Norfolk, who was adjutant of 617 Squadron from 1943 to 1945. He kept the tally of survivors.



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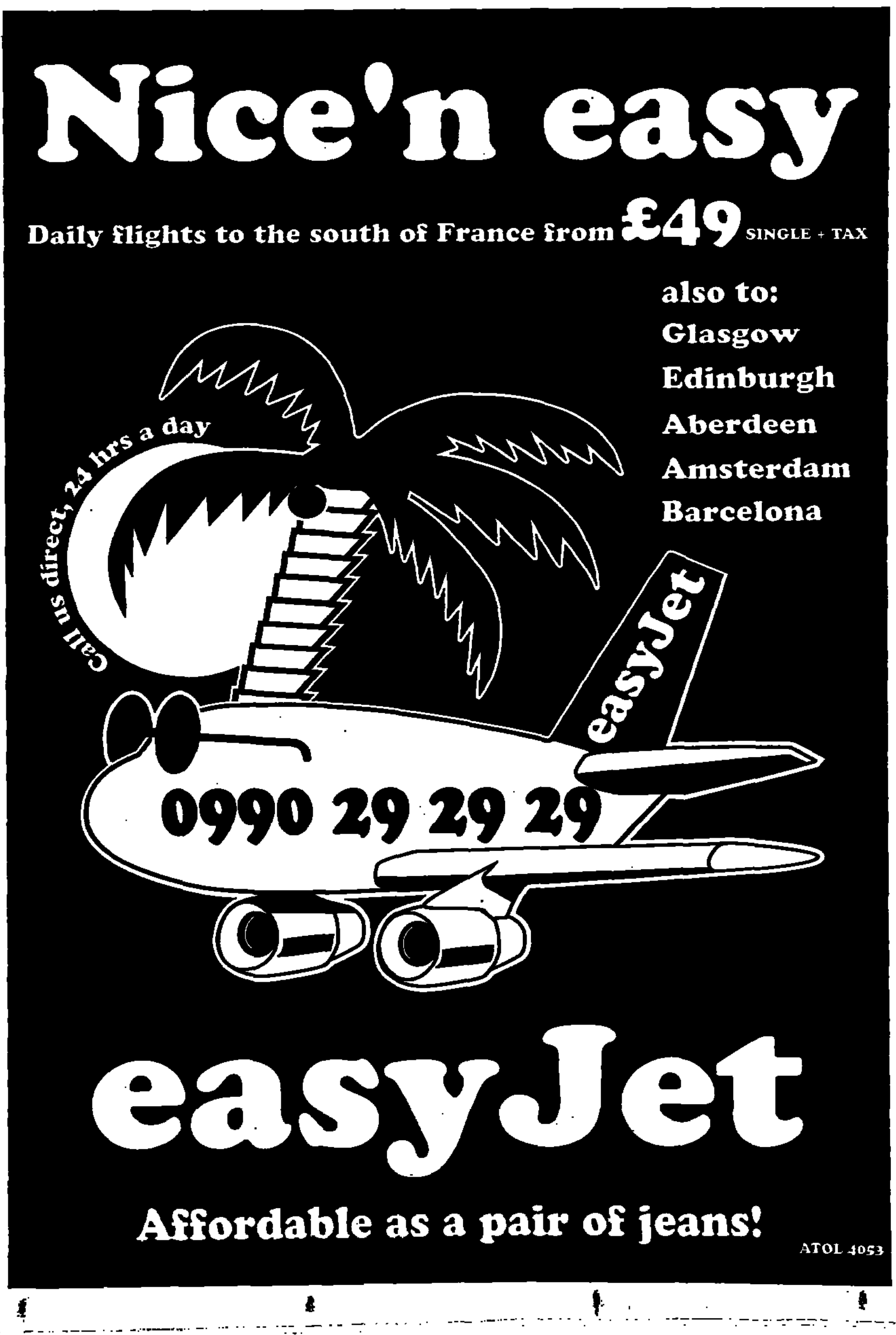

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Sales of flats trail detached houses in two-tier market

By Rachel Kelly, property correspondent

DETACHED houses are selling better than cheaper flats, according to Government figures that suggest the emergence of a two-tier market.

While the two categories each make up approximately 20 per cent of Britain's housing stock, Land Registry statistics show that 189,345 detached properties were sold last year, compared with 110,195 flats and maisonettes — respectively 24 per cent and 14 per cent of total sales. Detached houses sold for an average price of £104,719, flats and maisonettes for £59,603.

This is the first time the Land Registry has released such detailed figures, based on all 787,337 property sales in England and Wales last year. Computerisation has allowed the agency to collate the figures into four sectors: detached housing, semi-detached housing, terraced housing and flats.

The average price of a semi-detached house last year was £60,350, a price which remained static throughout the period. The cheapest place in England and Wales to buy a semi was Lincolnshire, where the average price was £41,526. The most expensive place to buy was Greater London, where semis cost, on average, £106,631. The average terraced house cost £51,193 last year. There was a very slight increase in the price in the third quarter, when it rose to £52,461, but it fell back by the end of the year to £50,300. Prices were lowest in Mid Glamorgan — £31,171 — and most expensive in Greater London — £95,563.

The Land Registry figures show that 136,611 homes were sold at between £40,001 and £50,000, the largest number of homes in any price category, and 127,321 homes at between £50,001 and £60,000, the next largest. First-time buyers are getting older. Figures from the Council of Mortgage Lenders show that at the height of the housing boom in 1988, 33 per cent of first-time buyers were under 25. Now the figure is 25 per cent. Builders have virtually stopped building one-bedroom flats.

Yolande Barnes, head of research at the estate agent Savills, said: "There is less demand for smaller properties now than in the 1980s. First-time buyers are waiting longer before they buy, skipping the first few rungs of the ladder, and buying a small house rather than a flat."

The Land Registry figures suggest, however, that while more expensive houses may be selling more easily, prices remained static last year. Quarterly figures show that the average detached home cost £103,104 at the start of the year and £103,511 at the end. This is the first time that reliable figures covering the whole of the market have tracked the prices of detached houses.

In the £500,000-plus bracket, only 547 houses were sold last year, from £500,001 to £600,000; 226 houses from £800,001 to £1 million; 30 from £1.5 to £1.75 million; and 39 at over £2 million. Gary Marsh, of the Halifax Building Society, said: "The figures show the dominance of the £30,000 to £68,000-price property range. Some upmarket agents have stressed the importance of more expensive houses. But these figures show how unimportant they are in the market as a whole. There were only just over 5,000 houses traded worth more than £300,000, compared to 750,000 homes sold altogether. They account for under 1 per cent of the market."

☐ Brocket Hall, the Hertfordshire family seat of the disgraced Lord Brocket, is for sale for £15 million. The 18th-century, 80-room stately home, which has golfing and conference facilities, has been on the market unofficially for at least six months. In February, Lord Brocket, 43, was jailed for five years for a £4.5 million insurance fraud.

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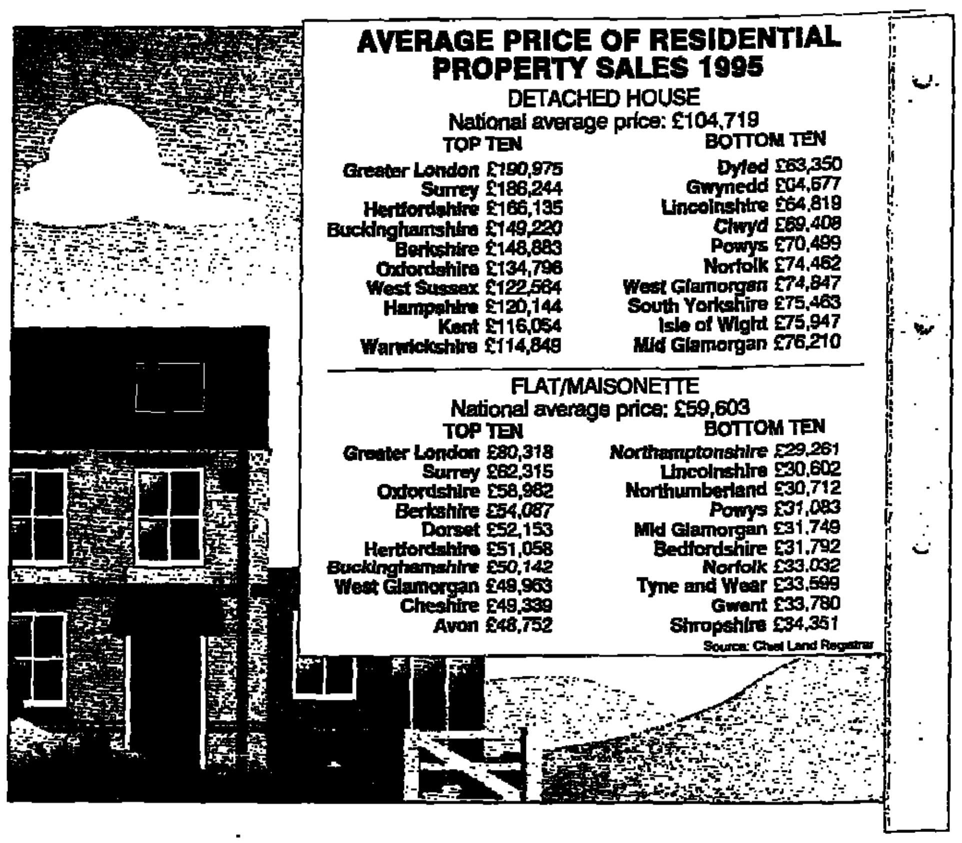


AVERAGE PRICE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SALES 1995

DETACHED HOUSE

National average price: £104,719

TOP TEN		BOTTOM TEN	
Greater London	£190,975	Dyfed	£63,350
Surrey	£186,244	Gwynedd	£64,677
Hertfordshire	£166,135	Lincolnshire	£64,819
Buckinghamshire	£149,220	Clwyd	£69,408
Berkshire	£148,883	Powys	£70,499
Oxfordshire	£134,796	Norfolk	£74,462
West Sussex	£122,564	West Glamorgan	£74,847
Hampshire	£120,144	South Yorkshire	£75,463
Kent	£116,054	Isle of Wight	£75,947
Warwickshire	£114,849	Mid Glamorgan	£76,210

FLAT/MAISONETTE

National average price: £59,603

TOP TEN		BOTTOM TEN	
Greater London	£80,318	Northamptonshire	£29,261
Surrey	£62,315	Lincolnshire	£30,602
Oxfordshire	£58,962	Northumberland	£30,712
Berkshire	£54,087	Powys	£31,083
Dorset	£52,153	Mid Glamorgan	£31,749
Hertfordshire	£51,058	Bedfordshire	£31,792
Buckinghamshire	£50,142	Norfolk	£33,032
West Glamorgan	£49,963	Tyne and Wear	£33,599
Cheshire	£49,339	Gwent	£33,780
Avon	£48,752	Shropshire	£34,351

Source: Chief Land Registrar

Island's wise monks profit from ways of the world

By Robin Young

IF THE canny Brother Cadfael, the fictional medieval monastic sleuth, were alive today he would surely feel at home among the monks of Caldy Island.

The 16 Reformed Cistercian brothers on the island, three miles off the Pembrokeshire coast, won nationwide publicity because of their decision to advertise their monastery on television this year as a tourist attraction.

Now they expect to raise the £300,000 they need this year — and every year — by increased sales of their perfumes, dairy products and chocolates to boatloads of tourists and by mail order. The free publicity in newspapers and broadcasting time that the island community has already received would have cost tens of thousands of pounds had it been booked through their advertising agency.

Their days might start traditionally — at 3.15am with four hours of silence — but the enterprising monks have cunning ways of keeping up to speed on modern business practices. Brother Gildas, the community cook, was manning the monastery telephone yesterday. "We have to support ourselves and a total island population of about 50," he said. "The community has 16 brothers and 15 full-time staff, while other lay people work part-time and have to be paid."

The employees include John Catiny, the island manager, Gwyn "Blackie" Bolton, the farm manager, John Large, the dairyman who takes charge of producing the monastery's milk, butter, cream, yoghurt and ice-cream from a pedigree herd of 70 Jersey cows, and Frank Miller, who makes chocolates to an old recipe. In years gone by Caldy had a shop in Knightsbridge, near Harrods. Brother Gildas remembered the top people's store when researching the modern perfume business recently.

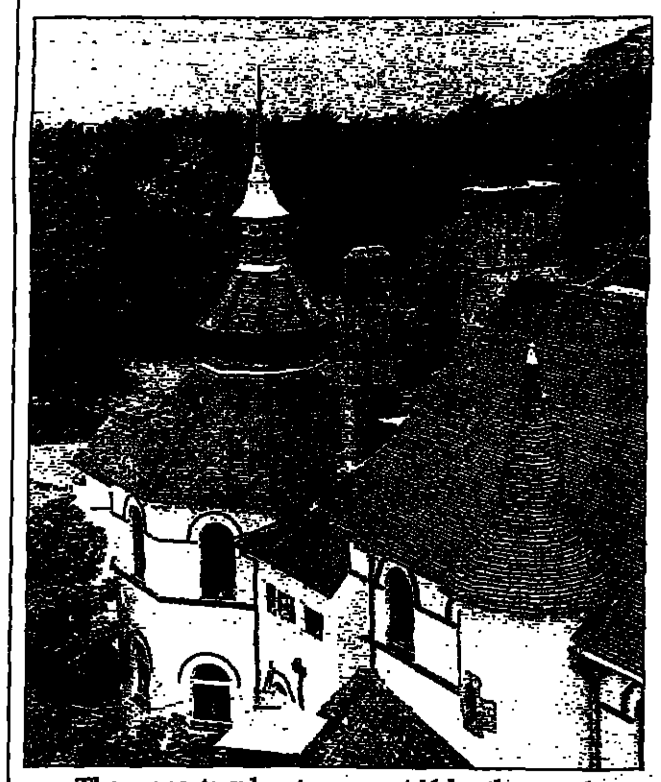
"Someone left a magazine on the island and I saw all the advertising for new scents and fragrances like Calvin Klein's Obsession," he said yesterday. "I wondered what the hell all these things smelt like, so I rang up Harrods, explained who I was and they sent me sample sachets. I now have a good idea how people smell."

He also has a better appreciation of the challenge facing Father Stephen, the monastery's cellarer and parfumier. He uses commercially produced oils and compounds and follows perfume recipes created for the community by a professional in the 1950s.

"Our fragrances are old-fashioned, classic blends which linger a long while," Brother Gildas said. "The modern perfumes all hit you in the face and do not last long."

Another problem, Brother Gildas sees, is advertising. "Modern perfumes all tend to be advertised with references to sex and sexuality," he said. "We could not compete unless we used a picture of a nude granny on the beach. In fact our packaging is very plain, just featuring island devices."

With a shuttle service of up to ten boats capable of bringing visitors from Tenby at a peak rate of 3,000 a day, each paying a landing fee to the community, Caldy's Reformed Cistercians are likely to achieve their cash target this year despite the tribulations of the Sea Empress oil spill and BSE, which threatened tourism and herd sales.



The monastery has to support 16 brothers and pay the wages of all 50 other Caldy islanders

Upstairs, Downstairs 'too costly to repeat'

ONE of Britain's most popular television series will be repeated this summer but less than a fifth of viewers will see it. *Upstairs, Downstairs* will receive a 25th anniversary airing for ten million people in the London Weekend Television area.

Other commercial regions are not showing the tales of life in an Edwardian household to their 45 million viewers because the shows are "too expensive" to repeat. Each of the first 13 episodes broadcast in 1971 will cost at least £10,000 each to show again because of fees to the actors and scriptwriters.

Liam Hamilton, broadcast director of LWT, which made the series, said: "There is going to be quite a bit of disappointment for fans — the more letters of complaint we get the better. But we haven't given up. We would like to see the whole network celebrate the anniversary."

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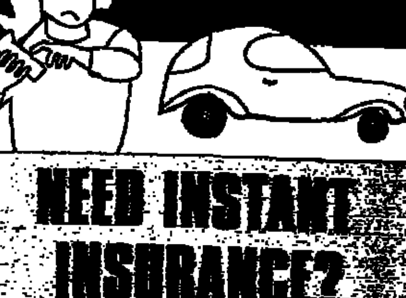

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Jingoistic talk over beef may inflame Euro 96 fans, says Cook

By Jill Sherman, Chief Political Correspondent

ROBIN COOK yesterday warned ministers against using "the language of xenophobia and jingoism" over the beef crisis to avoid inflaming tensions at the Euro 96 football championship.

The Shadow Foreign Secretary asked the Government to appeal to everyone involved in the crisis to curb their rhetoric in the run-up to the championship, which starts on June 8.

Outlining Labour's strategy towards the European beef ban, Mr Cook announced that the party would support the Government's policy of non-cooperation "in the national interest". But he said that the Labour Party and British industry should be consulted about any measures that would penalise Britain or Third World countries.

Labour would support selective measures that would do more damage to Britain's European partners than to this country, he said.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, immediately rebuffed Mr Cook's overtures by making it known that his officials would brief Labour on any points but ministers would not consult them on what action to take. "The Government's duty is to govern," sources close to Mr Rifkind said.

Divisions within Labour also surfaced when Neil Kinnock, the European Transport Commissioner, gave warning that the Government's policy of non-cooperation could backfire. "It will illustrate and it will contradict in some repects, the UK interest," the former Labour leader said on BBC Radio 4's *The World at One*. "There are many decisions requiring unanimity with which the UK under the present Government is in sympathy. So there is a degree of cutting off noses to spite faces," he said.

Glenys Kinnock, Labour Euro MP for South Wales East, also stepped into the fray by criticising the Government's decision to veto a statement on human rights abuses in Burma, as part of its non-cooperation policy.

"As a consequence of this petulance, there is no European Union condemnation of the terrible events in Burma," she said. Mrs Kinnock said that more than 1,000 pro-democracy activists in Burma had been arrested during the past few days.

Earlier Mr Cook criticised Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, who had attacked the choice of *Ode to Joy* from Beethoven's 9th symphony as the BBC's theme tune for Euro 96, because it was written by a German.

Cook: would prefer selective measures

"We do not expect from ministers, particularly those who are charged with the conduct of our nation's foreign policy, the language of xenophobia or jingoism," Mr Cook said.

He argued that recent comments about "war cabinets" and "declarations of war" raised temperatures over the beef crisis and lowered the prospect of a negotiated agreement. "Labour asks the Government to join us in a bipartisan appeal to everyone commenting on the beef crisis to avoid rhetoric that may inflame tensions on the football terraces or incite hostility between the peoples of Europe," he said.

But Mr Cook made clear that Labour had decided to take a populist approach towards the beef ban by signing up to the Government's policy of non-cooperation, albeit on a selective basis.

During the past few days Labour has been accused of sitting on the fence for failing to either condemn or support the Government's strategy.

Tony Blair was noticeably quiet about his party's stance during his visit to Italy last week. But over the weekend there have been several opinion polls showing the extent of public anger against Europe for its refusal to lift the ban on British beef.

Yesterday Robin Cook declared that Labour would back the Government in principle. But he said that the Prime Minister and Mr Rifkind should be prepared to consult with Labour over blocking tactics. He also suggested that the Confederation of British Industry should be consulted about any blocking measures that could be damaging. "Britain is more likely to succeed in negotiation if we can demonstrate a national resolve in support of our objectives," he said. "If the Government is serious about building a national consensus around its policy of non-cooperation, Labour believes that ministers must show it by their actions."

Mr Cook has written to Mr Rifkind today, asking him to consult the Opposition over its policy of non-cooperation. He also argued that the Government should do minimum damage to British interests while disrupting business in Brussels.

"It cannot be in the British interest to veto measures that open up markets to British firms," Mr Cook says in the letter.

Mr Cook dodged questions about which measures Labour would be prepared to block but he made clear that the party was unhappy about the widespread use of the veto in Brussels yesterday.

Party sources said that Labour did not support Britain's veto to block aid to Third World countries, and had doubts about vetoing proposals to combat fraud in Europe or to promote the single market.

CHRIS LOUFTE

Business as usual for David Hunt at his constituency surgery in Hoylake yesterday

Tory left urged to unite

By James Landale
Political Reporter

DAVID HUNT, the former Public Service Minister, yesterday urged Tory MPs to unite under a new umbrella grouping on the centre-left of the party and voice their support for John Major.

In what many Tory MPs see as a counterbalance to the growing influence of right-wing Euro-sceptics, Conservative Mainstream will co-ordinate the activities of several factions of broadly pro-European MPs.

Although Mr Hunt backed the Prime Minister's tough stance of non-cooperation with Brussels on the beef crisis, he said Britain gained a great deal from its membership of the European Union. "I don't agree with any proposal that we should pull out of Europe," he told BBC Radio 4's *Today*. "I want to see people being much more positive about Europe. That means supporting our Prime Minister and our ministers out there in the front line."

The vast majority of Tory MPs could be placed directly in the centre ground and that is where general elections are won or lost, he said. Conservative Mainstream will help to organise the activities of the left-of-centre Tory Reform Group (of which Mr Hunt is president), the 50-strong Macleod Group of MPs, the Action Centre for Europe, and two dining clubs, the Progress Group and Nick's Diner. It will also provide a home for all so-called "One-Nation Tories".

Funding is expected to come from companies which have traditionally contributed to Tory coffers but are disillusioned with the party's shift to the right.

Constituency pressed to drop candidate over Serb claims

By Alice Thomson
Political Reporter

THE Conservative leadership is expected to put pressure on a constituency party to drop its parliamentary candidate after reports of his alleged involvement in Serbian money reaching party coffers.

There have also been claims that the candidate, John Kennedy, had links with Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader who since 1995 has been wanted by the international war crimes tribunal.

Mr Kennedy has dismissed the allegations as "fantastic nonsense" and said he had not raised any amount from any Serbian businessman.

With the Government coming under attack for its sources of party funding, Mr Kennedy's position as a candidate for Halesowen and Rowley Regis looks rather precarious.

Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, is meeting Mr Kennedy as soon as he gets back from holiday early next week to discuss the allegations. Before Mr Mawhinney left he ordered an investigation into claims that a Serb businessman linked to Mr Karadzic gave something less than £100,000 to Conservative funds at the height of the war in the former Yugoslavia. "We do not accept funds with conditions attached from foreign governments, anonymous donors and criminal sources," he said.

Kennedy: supported by constituency association

One of the later donations, about £50,000, was reportedly arranged in December 1994 after Mr Kennedy contacted Jeremy Hanley, the party chairman at the time. The source was reported to be a London-based Serbian businessman. The deal was allegedly discussed over lunch with Mr Hanley, the businessman and Mr Kennedy at Mark's Club in Mayfair, central London.

So far, the investigation has thrown up more questions than it has answered, but one way that funds could have been transferred is through a local constituency party.

Mr Kennedy, 31, is a target of many at Central Office. A distant kinsman of the exiled Yugoslav royal family, he is a successful businessman and flamboyant character. He has also held meetings with Slobodan Milosevic, the President of Serbia, and Mr Karadzic. But Mr Kennedy stopped all contact with Mr Karadzic after reports reached this country of Bosnian Serb atrocities in the former Yugoslavia.

His constituency party is also sticking by him, which means that unless Central Office can get Mr Kennedy to resign voluntarily, it will be difficult to force him to stand down. But the new constituency's predicted Tory majority is only 105, which means that Mr Kennedy will have to fight extremely hard to hold it.

John Woodall, the constituency association chairman, said yesterday: "John Kennedy enjoys the full support of the whole association. We have no planned meeting to discuss recent press reports regarding party funding. This is a storm in a teacup which will not in any way slacken our resolve to return Mr Kennedy to Parliament at the next election. We have absolutely no knowledge of any illegal funding coming through our constituency."

In a further embarrassment to Central Office, a report by a left-wing think-tank, published today, will show that John Major has been ditched by more than 100 business giants, costing the Tories at least £1 million a year in donations.

At least 106 firms have deserted since the last election, including Allied Domecq and Legal and General, according to Labour Research.

Labour sets out terms for accepting social directives from Europe

By Our Chief Political Correspondent

LABOUR yesterday set out its demands for "opting-in" to the social chapter of the European Charter in a further signal that it will not bow to all directives on social issues.

A policy document argues that despite Britain's opt-out of the social protocol British companies trading with Europe were finding themselves increasingly affected by its provisions.

Britain needs to participate fully in the European Union's social dimension to ensure that it meets the requirements of a modern competitive economy, the paper says. "We cannot do so from a policy of isolation. We need a voice at the table in order to safeguard our interests."

The paper argues that European social policy should concentrate on establishing a level playing field of minimum standards. "It should not be used to impose a large amount of centrally determined social regulation," it says. "Respecting the principle of subsidiarity, action at the European level should not seek to replace the policies of member states. Most social measures should continue to be determined nationally."

The paper, *A Business Agenda for Europe*, says that as part of the opt-in to the social protocol a Labour government would wish to get agreement from other countries "on a realistic timetable for implementing its requirements". Any future proposals put forward under the terms of the protocol would need to be examined in close consultation with industry, it says.

In addition any developments in conditions covered by the social chapter would have to take account of the need to maintain and improve competitiveness.

Despite Labour's decision to back the government's policy of non-cooperation over the beef ban, the policy paper argues that to promote Britain's economic interests "we need to form alliances and work constructively with our partners".

The paper also calls for further reforms to extend and improve the single market; enlarging the European Union; reforming the common agricultural policy; tackling fraud in the European budget and improving the effectiveness of decision making.

The policy document says the inter-governmental conference should agree measures to make decision making more open, transparent and efficient. The Council of Ministers should end the practice of passing laws in secret and should publish the minutes of its legislative proceedings.

Qualified majority voting should be extended in some areas and consultation between business and government should be improved by issuing green papers where policy has an impact on industry, the paper says.

Parliament could better represent minorities says Major

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

JOHN MAJOR hopes that more candidates from ethnic minority communities will stand for Parliament.

The Prime Minister says in a television programme to be broadcast tonight that he would welcome more candidates from ethnic minorities after admitting that the House of Commons does not reflect the existing ethnic and gender ratios in Britain.

Mr Major says: "The present mix of the House of Commons does not remotely reflect the mix of the country as a whole, either in terms of Asian candidates, West Indian candidates, or indeed the male and female balance of the population."

He adds that he would be "delighted" to have more parliamentary candidates from Asian communities standing for Parliament, but emphasises that the selection of Tory candidates is a matter for local constituencies, not for party headquarters.

There are currently six MPs from ethnic minority communities in the House of Commons — five Labour and one Conservative. If the Commons representation reflected the three million-strong ethnic minority population there would be about 35 MPs from ethnic minority communities.

Interviewed for the Asian current affairs programme *East* tonight on BBC2, Mr Major said that he had practical experience of living with people of other ethnic backgrounds in his youth when he lived in Brixton. "I grew up that way. I like to think I'm colour-blind," he said.

Tony Blair tells the programme that Labour is committed to having Asian candidates. "We are keen to make it possible for people, more Asian people, to come through and represent constituencies, particularly ... where there's a very high Asian population," the Labour leader says.

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Yeltsin outwits poll rivals with peace visit to Chechenia

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT YELTSIN yesterday attempted to turn his biggest electoral liability into *his campaign* trump card when he visited Chechenia *and declared himself a messenger of peace.*

In a stunning gesture of political showmanship, the Russian leader made a brief but symbolically important tour of the breakaway republic, thanking soldiers for fighting, promising civilians *reparations* and even accepting partial blame for the disastrous 18-*month* conflict which has claimed 30,000 lives.

Mr Yeltsin's unannounced visit took everyone by surprise, not least Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, the Chechen *rebel leader, who was still in* Moscow to finalise details of the truce agreed *by* the two sides on Monday.

Tamara Zamyatina, a commentator for the Tass news agency, reported what no government official would dare to say publicly — that the Chechen guerrilla chief was being *held hostage* for the duration of Mr Yeltsin's visit.

"By creating *conditions* under which Yandarbiyev and *accompanying Chechen* officials were 'being held' in Moscow, the presidential security service was able to be polite, observe protocol and ensure the security of both sides," she said.

Meanwhile in Chechenia, Mr Yeltsin made a quick but effective campaign tour, visiting a village, a Russian infantry unit and making a brief stopover in Grozny, the Chechen capital, which was badly damaged during the Russian siege last year.

He promised the civilian population federal funds to *rebuild the country's infrastructure* and finance new *homes* and businesses. He told soldiers of the 205th Motor Rifle Brigade that they had helped to "win the war". To the people of Grozny he acknowledged "my share of the blame" for the "mistakes and serious miscalculations". Moreover, *the Russian leader* got what he wanted out of his *four-hour tour — the chance to* tell Russia that one of the *bloodiest chapters in its recent* history was coming to an end.

"My first impression from the visit to Chechenia was that peace has come to the republic not only on paper, but also in practice," Mr Yeltsin said at the end of his trip. "Not a single shot can be heard. This is the greatest pleasure both for the Chechens and federal servicemen."

Although his remarks were regarded as extremely premature, given that yesterday marked the first day of the latest in a number of ceasefires, his declarations *completely* wrong-footed *his* rivals in the presidential race.

Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader currently falling slightly behind Mr Yeltsin in opinion polls, was forced to concede that the peace deal, although too late, was still good for the country.

Others could not contain their annoyance that the Russian leader had succeeded in orchestrating the peace deal less than three weeks before the elections. Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultra-nationalist *candidate*, predicted that the truce would last only until *polling day.*

Mr Yeltsin would do well to bear in mind Mr Zhirinovsky's warning. Russian and Chechen negotiators inched forwards yesterday on their plan to demilitarise the region by withdrawing Russian forces and disarming Chechen *guerrillas, and releasing all* captives.

But the question of sovereignty at the heart of the conflict has not even been addressed. Mr Yeltsin yesterday insisted that Chechenia would remain part of the Russian Federation with special status and he vowed that rebels who continued to fight against Moscow rule would be eliminated.

Pitch for votes fails to strike chord in Grozny

BY THOMAS DE WAAL

THE trip to Chechenia may win President Yeltsin some votes across Russia — but not in Chechenia itself, where it is hard to find anyone who will vote at all.

"I'll *tell him* that I've lived here for 45 years and look what he has done to the place, just reduced *it to ruins*," *said* Natasha, *a Russian pensioner, who lives in central Grozny.* Her house was ransacked when the Russian army entered the city in January 1995. She has not received any compensation.

Cynicism is widespread in Grozny, still in ruins despite frequent pledges of restoration money from the President. "He will walk round the *airport and say he went round* the whole of Grozny," Roza, a Chechen woman, who works for the pro-Moscow Government, complained.

"Not a single person in Chechenia will vote for Yeltsin because he destroyed our people. He is our enemy," *said Yakha Gamayeva, a pro-independence supporter.*

Yakub Sabirov, deputy head of the local electoral commission, conceded there was a security problem.

The only people in Chechenia who said that they might back the President on June 16 are soldiers who said their votes were conditional on them being sent back to Russia.

Eye of the beholder: the Venus de Milo conforms to universal ideas of beauty — Madonna succeeds despite them

Why beauty is more than skin-deep

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE widely held belief that ideas of beauty vary from culture to culture has been *severely dented by* new research from America *revealing that even babies share a* sense of what is attractive and people everywhere judge each other by subconscious rules of sex appeal.

A survey published by *Newsweek* also shows that attractive men have their first sexual experience at least three years earlier than their less desirable counterparts.

Studies have shown that people considered attractive fare better with parents and teachers, make more friends, earn more money and have better sex with more beautiful partners.

Although rolls *of fat can still* signify status in the Third World and lip plates are more prominent in the East Africa than in Kensington, the survey suggests that attraction is based on shared preferences. When British researchers, for example, asked women from England, China and India to rate pictures of Greek men, they responded as though working from a collective crib sheet. Scientists in Kentucky discovered that a diverse collection of faces shown to whites, Asians and Latinos from 13 countries produced *the same effect.*

Rebuffing scepticism from those who believe ideals of beauty are learned, Judith Langlois, a psychologist at the University of Texas, placed three- and six-month old babies in front of pairs of photographs.

Each pair included one face considered attractive by adult *judges and one regarded as* unattractive. The same pattern has always emerged, with the infants gazing significantly longer at "attractive" faces.

The rules appear *quite simple*, according *to Newsweek. Men must* be *slightly above* average height, have prominent cheekbones, a large jaw, muscular torso, a waist-hip ratio of 0.9 (where the waist is 90 per cent of the hips) and wrist and ankle symmetry.

Women, on the other hand, should have large eyes, a small nose, *full lips*, firm symmetrical breasts, smooth *unblemished skin and a waist-*hip ration of 0.7.

WORLD SUMMARY

Briton is 'slave' in Cambodia

Phnom Penh: The Khmer Rouge has enslaved a British *mine*-clearing expert and his Cambodian colleague, who were kidnapped in March, to build up a stockpile of explosives and home-made mines, a senior Cambodian military officer said yesterday.

Christopher Howes, 36, of Bristol, and his Cambodian interpreter, Hun Hout, were reported in good health in the Khmer Rouge stronghold of Anlong Veng, 200 miles northwest of Phnom Penh, the officer said. *(AP)*

Aum guru 'tried to kill himself'

Tokyo: Shoko Asahara, the guru standing trial for murder after the 1995 gas attack on the subway, said he was ready to die to save *his cult, Aum* Shinrikyo, from legal extinction (*Robert Whymant writes*).

Fighting to prevent the Government from banning the group as a subversive organisation, Mr Asahara, 41, said he had twice tried to commit suicide in his cell in the Tokyo Detention House.

Rangoon rally targets Suu Kyi

Rangoon: Burma's military Government stepped up the pressure on Aung San Suu Kyi, the opposition leader, by staging a second mass rally in two days to denounce her. The rally was held as a three-day meeting of *her National* League for Democracy party *was coming to a close* after approving a series of measures likely to infuriate the regime. *(Reuter)*

Turkish leader challenges Ciller

Ankara: Turkey's Prime Minister, Mesut Yilmaz, who faces a censure *motion in parliament*, says he will step down if *his coalition partner, the True* Path Party, makes a power-sharing deal with the Islamic Welfare Party. His remarks are a challenge to Tansu Ciller, the secularist former Prime Minister. *(Reuter)*

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Albanian police beat Socialists

Tirana: Albanian *riot* police surrounded Socialist Party headquarters after beating opposition leaders at a demonstration against Sunday's general election which some foreign observers have called unfair. The Government of President Berisha blamed opposition supporters for attacking the police. *(Reuter)*

New chief takes over in Ukraine

Kiev: President Kuchma of Ukraine appointed Pavel Lazarenko as the new Prime Minister to replace Yevgeni Marchuk, who was sacked earlier for failing to achieve economic reform. Mr Lazarenko, who was born in 1953, was *previously First* Deputy Prime Minister. *(AFP)*

Cops and robber

New York: A pickpocket chose the wrong target when he *robbed two tourists* in Times Square. They were Colombian policemen *who chased and* caught the man, turned him in and got back their $300 (£200).

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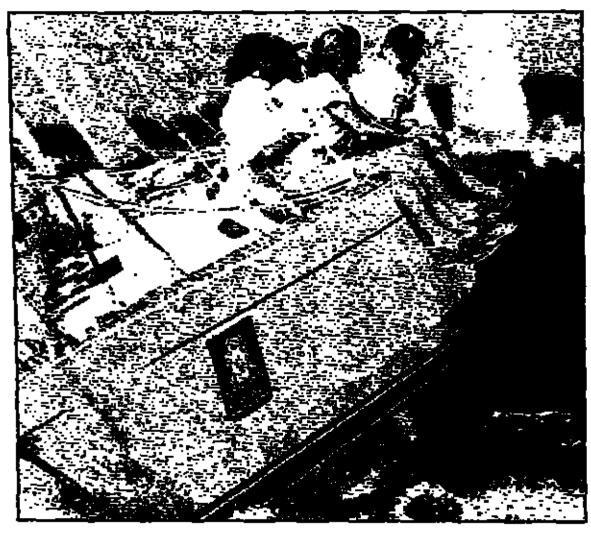

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Clinton abandons military defence in sex case conflict

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BATTERED by a week of Republican ridicule, President Clinton abandoned yesterday his bid to delay a sexual harassment lawsuit by arguing that, as Commander-in-Chief, he enjoyed legal protection similiar to that of *soldiers on active duty.*

Robert Bennett, Mr Clinton's lawyer, said he was filing a new brief to the Supreme Court that would rely on several other arguments which were contained in his original submission.

The retreat came after the Republicans began broadcasting television commercials during the Memorial Day weekend telling voters that the President who avoided the Vietnam War draft was now claiming a serviceman's *rights. On Memorial Day* five veterans ran full-page advertisements in 13 American newspapers declaring: "To retreat from the call to arms and then later embrace its code when it is convenient is an outrage to all who served."

Mr Bennett called those advertisements a "grotesque and disgraceful distortion". He said that he had originally cited a 1940 law protecting active duty servicemen from having to defend themselves in civil lawsuits "primarily for illustrative purposes" and nev*er as the core of the President's* submission.

Paula Jones, a former Arkansas state employee, has accused Mr Clinton of propositioning her *in* a Little Rock hotel room during his term as Governor of Arkansas. Mr Clinton, who denies the accusation, wants *the Supreme* Court to overturn a recent Appeal Court ruling that the case can go to trial while he is still in residence at the White House.

Coincidentally, Mr Clinton yesterday announced new medical benefits for Vietnam veterans *suffering from* prostate cancer or nerve diseases caused by Agent Orange, the powerful herbicide used by the US military to flush Vietcong Communist guerrillas from their jungle retreats.

Duke's visit to Gibraltar condemned

FROM DOMINIQUE SEARLE
IN GIBRALTAR
AND TUNKU VARADARAJAN
IN MADRID

GIBRALTAR is preparing a warm welcome for Prince Philip who arrives on the Rock tomorrow for the first time in more than 35 years officially to celebrate the 25th anniversary of his Duke of Edinburgh Award *Scheme.*

Madrid, however, is not pleased. Reacting to the Duke of Edinburgh's plans, Inocencio Arias, the official spokesman for the Spanish Foreign Ministry, said that "the visit makes us very uneasy and unhappy".

This is the highest level royal presence here since the Prince and Princess of Wales arrived in the summer of 1981 to start their honeymoon, a *move* which had led King Juan Carlos to boycott the wedding. The Queen last visited Gibraltar in 1954.

Prince Philip visits the Rock at a time when relations with Spain over Gibraltar are tense. The bank holiday weekend saw six-hour queues at the border despite British demands on Madrid.

Kennedy: film may shed new light on assassination

TV footage reopens file on Kennedy

FROM TOM RHODES
IN WASHINGTON

TELEVISION footage unearthed in Dallas yesterday of events surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy *may offer new evidence about* the most notorious American crime of the twentieth century.

Shot by an independent television station on November 22, 1963, the 45-minute black-and-white film contains unique scenes before and after the death of Kennedy.

Although it does not include the attack itself, it nevertheless shows police searching for an assassin, subsequent pictures of Lee Harvey Oswald at the Dallas police station, and his killer, Jack Ruby, at a press conference two days before he was to shoot Oswald.

The 16mm film was rescued from a wastepaper basket in the newsroom at KTVT by an employee named *Roy* Cooper.

He kept the original and *made a copy* for his friend, Eli Sturges. The men had hoped to sell the footage to the highest bidder but failed and it lay hidden in Mr Sturges's home until his stepdaughter, Janet Veazey, handed the spool to the *Dallas Morning News* earlier this month.

Experts hope the footage, which is being transferred to the National *Archives, will* provide further insights into the killing. "This is significant historical film," said Richard Trask, an archivist.

Basques go to war over home for 'Guernica'

BY TUNKU VARADARAJAN

BASQUE nationalists called yesterday for the "repatriation" from Madrid of Picasso's *Guernica*, arguably this century's most famous painting, and for its *permanent transfer to a new picture* gallery in Bilbao.

Guernica has seen skirmishes before. It hangs at present in Madrid's Reina *Sofia museum, to which it was moved* from the Prado museum in 1992 contrary to the artist's wishes. Picasso had decreed that the painting should never hang in Spain while General Franco ruled, and it was not transferred from New York's Museum of Modern Art to the Prado *until 1981.*

Authorities at the Reina Sofia, however, scoff at the latest Basque demands, and a museum source yesterday *described the idea of the painting's* transfer to the Guggenheim museum being built in Bilbao as "*demented*".

The museum is fiercely possessive of *Guernica* and last year turned down a request by the Pompidou Centre in Paris for its temporary loan. But the demand for its transfer to Bilbao, made recently by Iñaki Anasagasti, the parliamentary spokesman for the Basque Nationalist Party (PNV), could soon prove a problem *for José María Aznar's Government,* which relies on PNV support for its *parliamentary majority.*

The 1937 painting commemorates the *destruction by aerial bombardment of* the Basque town of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War.

RUSSIAN ELECTIONS

On 16 June, 1996 there will be elections in Russia of the President of the Russian Federation.

Russian citizens visiting Britain or permanently resident here have the right to participate. Voting will take place at the Embassy of the Russian Federation, 15 Kensington Palace Gardens, *London W8 4QX (tel: 0171-229-3628)*, at the Trade Delegation, 32 Highgate West Hill, London N6 6NL (tel: 0181-340-1907) and at the Russian Consulate General, 58 Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7HL (tel: 0131-225-7098) from 8.00 a.m. till 10 p.m. Voters must have with them valid passport clearly indicating that a holder is a citizen of the Russian Federation.

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Dreams of peace fade as Netanyahu rejects compromise

From Christopher Walker in Jerusalem

SRAEL'S divisive election ampaign ended last night rith Labour accusing the ight-wing Likud of racism, nd the strict protection round Shimon Peres, the abour Prime Minister, being urther stiffened after new ntelligence reports of death lots against him.

The opinion polls in a ontest which will make or reak the new era of hope in he Middle East gave Mr eres, one of the architects of eace, only a 3 per cent lead ver his right-wing challengr, Binyamin Netanyahu, who as vowed to freeze the peace rocess. Israeli experts said his made the result too close o call as it fell within the tatistical margin of error.

The number of troops and olice on guard when polling ooths open today at 7 am has een boosted to 26,000 ecause of fears of a possible slamic suicide attack and of iolent scuffles between left-ving and right-wing supportrs. An official appeal has een issued to Israeli voters to eave bags, packages, and the uns which many of them outinely carry at home.

The new element of racism as prompted fears of right-ving attacks against Mr Peres nd other leading doves in the abour list. Labour issued rotests against posters apearing in its voting heartland f Tel Aviv claiming "It is orbidden to vote Peres. It is orbidden to allow the Arab ote to win" and "Peres wants Middle East rid of Jews".

Hours earlier, Likud had isowned the first racist postrs circulated by its new upporters among the powerl ultra-Orthodox Jewish ommunity which declared luntly: "Netanyahu is good or the Jews." A Cabinet tatement said that the Attorey-General had been called n to investigate what was escribed as "overtly racist" lection propaganda.

Nissim Zvilli, Labour secreary-general, said the slogan "takes us back to the dark days of the terrible incitement which led to the murder of [Yitzhak] Rabin. It is racism per se which divides the nation and it comes, of all places, from Haredi Jews, who remember well where racism can lead us."

Avraham Burg, a leading member of the team struggling to secure Mr Peres his first election victory after four previous defeats, said: "Even unrestrained lust for power does not justify the use of racism and incitement. In the military cemeteries there is no difference between a Beduin scout or a Druze commando soldier and a Jewish soldier."

ISRAELI ELECTION

He was referring to Arabs who fight in the Israeli army and frequently count among the victims of the continuing war in Lebanon.

The closeness of the contest and the implications for Israel and the region of its outcome have induced an atmosphere of high tension which affects every corner of Israeli life. "I just do not know what we are going to do with our lives if Bibi [Netanyahu] wins — it will be back to war and an end to all our hopes," said the agitated young clerk in my Jerusalem bank yesterday.

Not far away, a flower-seller was rubbing his hands in anticipation of a win for Likud. "It is time that this country got rid of these Arab-lovers who are in power today and got someone like Bibi who is going to look after us, the Jews," he said. The blandness of much of the television election propaganda, designed to appeal to the 10 per cent of floating voters, is belied at street level, where the emotions are as raw as at any time *in the turbulent 48-year history* of Israel.

Mr Netanyahu, confirmed by some polls as the outright winner of Sunday's single 30-minute television debate, in which he attempted to steamroller Mr Peres's more thoughtful and statesmanlike approach, further emphasised the gaping policy differences between the two sides when he announced yesterday that he was determined to renege on the pledge given by Labour to negotiate the final status of Jerusalem.

In remarks sure to inflame Arab opinion on what is the most sensitive issue in the conflict, Mr Netanyahu was asked by a *Haaretz* reporter whether he would recognise "the principal agreement" in the 1993 peace accord, to discuss Jerusalem with the Palestinians in talks already opened and due to continue until 1999.

"No," the Likud leader replied with characteristic bluntness. "It is a clause in their agenda and not ours. If they raise the issue, I will remove it. No agreement regarding Jerusalem will I accept." Mr Netanyahu also said that he would lift the freeze imposed last year on the expropriation of Arab land in east Jerusalem, territory conquered by Israel in 1967.

The conviction of Western governments that a Likud victory could not only end peace but also lead to new conflict in the Middle East was reinforced by the interview in which Mr Netanyahu ruled out any compromise with Syria over the Golan Heights, also occupied since 1967.

"[Jewish] settlements there will not be evacuated. Nor will there be any territorial compromise," he confirmed.

Last-minute posters urging Israelis to vote for Binyamin Netanyahu go up in Jerusalem as the campaigning formally closed yesterday

Parties of God join battle for worldly gains

From Ross Dunn in Jerusalem

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☐ **Eligible voters:** 3,933,250. Of these, about 87 per cent are Jews and the rest mainly Arabs.

☐ **Electoral system:** The entire country constitutes a single electorate and each party wins seats according to the proportion of votes it receives nationally. No party has won enough support in the 120-seat Knesset (parliament) at an election to rule on its own. By tradition the party with most seats heads a coalition government after entering into agreements with minor parties.

☐ **Two ballots:** For the first time, Israelis will vote twice: once for the Prime Minister, and secondly for the party of their choice. There are only two prime ministerial candidates: Shimon Peres, the incumbent Labour leader, who is being challenged by the Likud leader, Binyamin Netanyanhu.

Main parties

TWENTY parties are standing. Of these, 11 are considered certain to win seats.

☐ **Labour** (Seats: 44 in 1992 elections; polls suggest about 42 this time). Leader: Shimon Peres. Main goals: continue the peace process, not ruling out the possibility of a Palestinian state but maintaining Jerusalem as the undivided capital of Israel. Peace treaty with Syria, including handing over the Golan Heights.

☐ **Likud-Tsomet-Gesher** (1992 Seats: 40 (Likud 32, Tsomet 8/40 predicted.) Leader: Binyamin Netanyahu.
Main goals: continuing the peace talks, but with a desire to get a better deal for Israelis and ruling out any Palestinian state as part of a final status agreement. Jerusalem to remain the undivided capital of Israel and the Jewish people. Golan Heights to remain under Israeli sovereignty. Expanding Jewish settlements.

☐ **Meretz** (12/6-8 predicted.) Leader: Yossi Sarid, Environment Minister.
Main goals: Re-election of Mr Peres and the creation of Palestinian state but refusing to divide Jerusalem. Hand back Golan Heights to Syria in return for guarantees of peace and security.

☐ **National Religious Party** (6/6-7 predicted.)
Leader: Zevulun Hammer.
Main goals: Election of Mr Netanyahu. Talks on allowing Arabs municipal control only of their areas in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. No Palestinian state. Expanding Jewish settlements.

☐ **Shas** (6/6 predicted.)
Leader: Aryeh Deri.
Main goals: Promotion of ultra-Orthodox and traditional Sephardic Jews (those of Oriental extraction), including government support for them. Withdrew from the government coalition because of an increase in terror.

☐ **United Torah Judaism** (4/4 predicted.)
Leader: Meir Porush.
Main goals: government policy should be based on respect of Jewish law and that all of the land of Israel was promised to the patriarchs.

☐ **Moledet** (3/3 predicted.) Leader: Rechavam Zeevy.
Main goals: to end the peace process and any transfer of land to the Palestinians. To hold Golan Heights. Encourage all Arabs to leave the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

☐ **Democratic Front for Peace and Equality** (Arab party. 3/3 predicted.)
Leader: Hashem Mahameed.
Main goals: Two-state solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict including dividing Jerusalem.

☐ **United Arab List** (2/2-3 predicted.) Leader: Abdul Maduh Dahamshe.
Main goals: Palestinian state with east Jerusalem as its capital.

☐ **Yisrael Ba-Aliya** (new party, 4 seats predicted.). Leader: Natan Sharanksy, former Soviet Union Jewish activist and a prisoner.
Main goals: better deal for immigrants. Limited autonomy for the Palestinians but no Palestinian state. United Jerusalem.

☐ **Third Way** (new party, 2 seats predicted.)
Leader: Avigdor Kahalani.
Main goals: to prevent withdrawal from Golan Heights.

Hotchpotch coalition takes over as Hindu nationalists end 12-day reign

By Christopher Thomas in Delhi and Our Foreign Staff

HE Prime Minister of Inia's first Hindu nationalist Government resigned yesteray, and the head of a coalion of Socialist and loweraste parties was invited to orm the country's second dministration in two weeks.

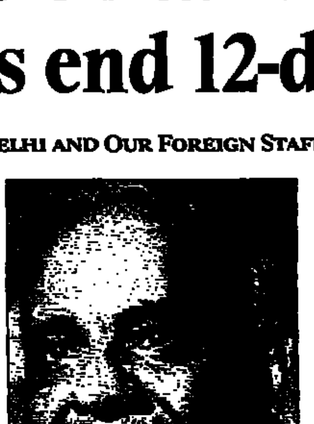
It will be the first time that ndia's traditionally powerless roups have had a major role n running the country. H.D. Deve Gowda, leader of the United Front, will be sworn in s Prime Minister on Saturay and then have 11 days to ttract a majority in the lower ouse of parliament.

The 12-day-old Hindu naonalist Government reigned rather than face nevitable defeat in a parliaentary confidence vote. The nove threw the country into a resh round of political urmoil.

Atal Vajpayee, the outgoing rime Minister, ended a twoay debate on the confidence notion last night by declaring: I am going to the President to esign. We bow before the strength of numbers." Despite his successor being named speedily, the prolonged political uncertainty engendered by the elections is likely to be disastrous for India's economic reform programme, which had started to promise significant results five years after being introduced.

Yesterday's resignation marked the end of India's shortest-lived Government, led by the hardline Bharatiya Janata Party (Indian People's Party). The incoming administration is bound to be unstable, given the haste with which it was put together and its lack of common policies. The United Front groups 13 centrist, left-wing and regional parties. Mr Gowda is chief minister of the southern state of Karnataka. It is a hotchpotch coalition, with many conflicts certain to arise from differing agendas.

The United Front is far short of a parliamentary majority but will be propped up in parliament by its ally, the Congress Party, which has decided not to stake a claim to a share in government. It will, however, exert substantial influence over the policies of the fragile new administration.



Gowda: to be sworn in on Saturday

The BJP will push a new image of moderation in a future bid for power, putting aside its Hindutva ("Hinduness") platform and seeking to reassure Muslims and low castes that they have nothing to fear. This recasting of the party under the guidance of Mr Vajpayee, often described as the moderate face of an extremist organisation, appears to have been responsible for the BJP's strong performance in this month's general election.

At the end of the two-day debate on the confidence motion yesterday, he rejected the assertion that "Vajpayee is a good man but the party is bad". His aim now will be to keep the extremist wings of his party under control.

The policies his party announced in its brief time in power avoided the contentious questions of reform of Muslim divorce and marriage law, and the removal of Kashmir's special status within the Indian union. Despite Mr Vajpayee's efforts, however, the party failed to attract parliamentary support and remained a pariah because of its anti-Muslim reputation.

Starvation claims third victim in Tokyo

From Robert Whymant in Tokyo

N ELDERLY woman has starved to eath in Tokyo, the third such victim in ttle over a month, underlining the idden poverty and lack of welfare in a ation shown by a government report ast week to be the richest in the world.

Police said yesterday that Hiro Mukai, 1, died of starvation and weighed 64lb hen her body was discovered after a fire t her flat in northern Tokyo. They also ound the charred body of her son, 57, nd a note indicating that he had started the fire out of despair after a week-long vigil beside the corpse.

"I have lost all dreams and hopes. I will make this day my last," the son had written. The only food found in the flat was some bread. Two bank books were also recovered, one containing the equivalent of £6, and the other, about £38. The son had no job and their only income was the mother's monthly £500 pension. Government figures released on Monday showed that Tokyo consumer prices are the highest in the world, and 52 per cent higher than in London.

A month ago Tokyo police discovered the body of a 77-year-old widow and her invalid son, 41. Both died of starvation rather than seek help from the state.

According to a Finance Ministry report released last Friday, Japan is the world's largest creditor nation. But for millions of elderly, handicapped and jobless people Japan's glowing economic statistics are a cruel illusion. "We have no welfare system worth the name, but we do have the world's most zealous bureaucrats," Hisashi Ikeda, a journalist, said. "To get welfare the red tape is unbelievable. Many people would rather die than put up with the humiliating rules."

Defector reveals plans to take Seoul

From Associated Press in Seoul

A NORTH KOREAN pilot who defected in a Soviet-built MiG19 jet said yesterday that the Pyongyang Government has drawn up a plan to invade and occupy all of South Korea in a week.

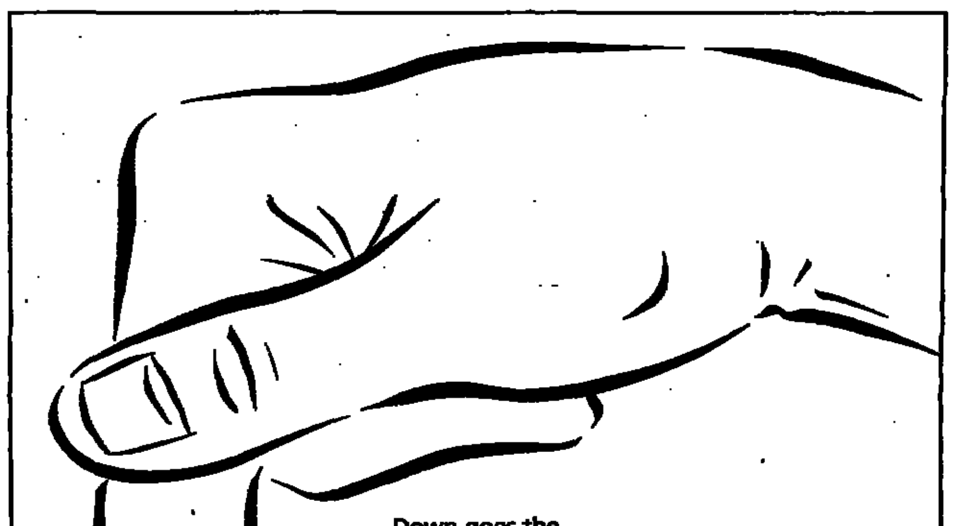
"If Kim Jong Il issues an invasion order, the [North Korean] military is fully prepared," Captain Lee Chul Soo told a news conference.

Captain Lee, 30, flew across the border last Thursday in the first such defection in 13 years. In 1983, a Communist pilot defected to Seoul in another MiG19 jet. Wearing a worn-out North Korean uniform, the captain said the invasion plan calls for a three-stage attack on South Korea and the occupation of Seoul, the capital, in a single day.

The North Korean army, led by Soviet tanks, occupied Seoul in three days when it invaded South Korea in 1950, starting a three-year war.

Captain Lee said that, after taking control of Seoul within a day, the North Koreans would try to occupy Taejon, a major city in the centre of the country, and Pusan, a city on the south coast. The defector said that most of the North's 1.2 million-member military, and its air force jets, have been deployed closer to the demilitarised zone running roughly along the 38th parallel.

Captain Lee's remarks could not be independently confirmed. He was debriefed by South Korean authorities before the news conference.



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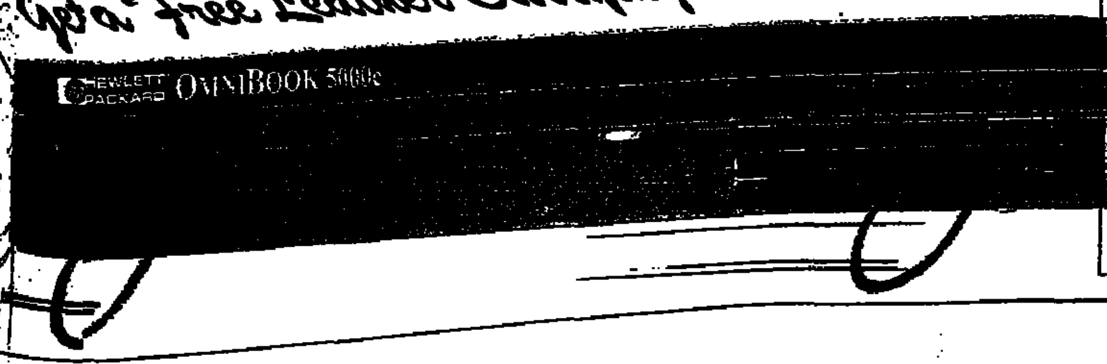

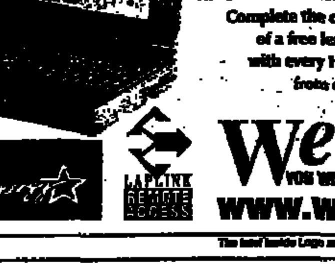

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Red Cross predicts ten-year doubling of refugees total

BY MICHAEL BINYON, *DIPLOMATIC EDITOR*

THE number of refugees seeking shelter from war, oppression and tyranny is likely to double in the next ten years, according to the International Red Cross. More than 60 million people throughout the world will be the huddled victims of injustice and persecution by 2005.

Most will be the victims of war and civil war, ethnic and religious tensions and collapsed states. But as governments clamp down on the flight of refugees to other countries, more and more will be internally displaced. This will make them more difficult to reach and harder to help, the Red Cross says.

In its report on world disasters, the Red Cross also gave a warning that more than ten million people were uprooted each year by public works projects, such as dams. In 1990 only 21 per cent of appeals launched by the Red Cross and Red Crescent societies were for people on the move; by 1995 the figure had risen to 70 per cent.

Some countries such as China were creating "environmental refugees" by forcibly dispersing migrants to the towns back into the countryside. The report said China's rural working population totalled 450 million, but 120 million were without any real work and 80 million had migrated to cities in search of jobs; by 2010 half of China's population might live in crowded cities.

Red Cross workers saw continuing problems in the Balkans, a grinding crisis around Rwanda and looming hunger this year in North Korea unless there is a concerted international response that United Nations experts say is needed to avoid famine.

The Swiss-based organisation gave a warning that money for relief was likely to fall from the peak of £2.3 billion in 1994. It also forecast that food aid needs would exceed supply by up to 38 million tonnes in 2005.

There was real concern, the report said, about food security as populations grew inexorably. Within 35 years China's population would outstrip its ability to feed itself. In the Horn of Africa region, almost half the population — about 71 million people — do not have secure food supplies, and 22 million of them require food aid.

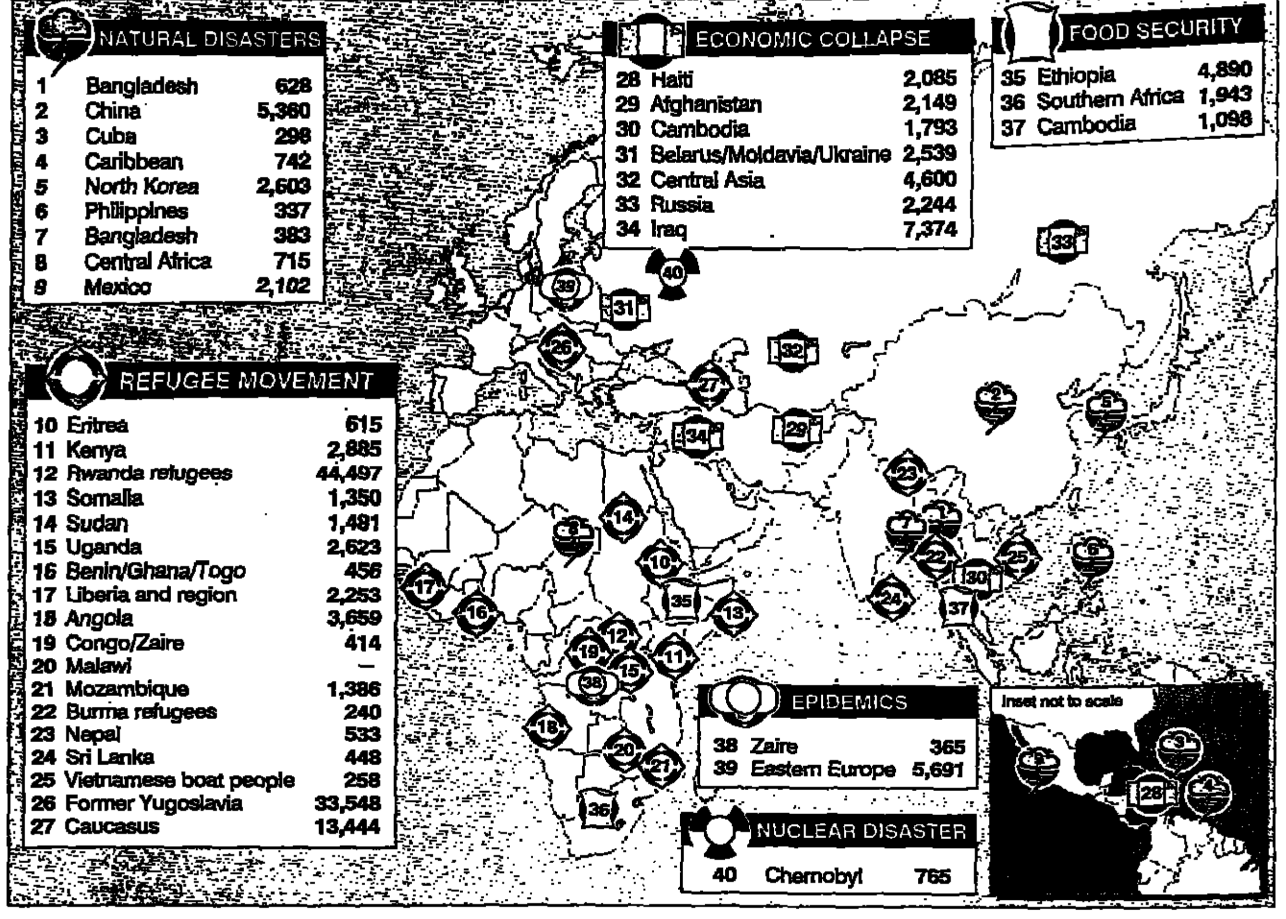
In black Africa food production could have grown up to 3 per cent a year for 20 years, had there not been continual fighting.

Altogether, more than 133 million people are affected by naturally triggered disasters each year, such as earthquakes, drought, floods, hurricanes, landslides and volcanoes.

On average, 143,000 are killed and nearly five million made homeless. Last year there were nearly 300 disasters, ranging from quakes to large fires. They caused more than £331 billion in damage to insured property worldwide: most costly were floods, followed by high winds, accidents and earthquakes. Ethiopia and Bangladesh suffered the most, with the most people killed in disasters, followed by China, Sudan, India, Mozambique and Peru. Of the world's 30 armed conflicts last year, 12 were in Asia, six in Africa, six in the Middle East, three in Europe and three in the Americas. In 1990-95, Africa saw more battle-related deaths than Europe or the Middle East, despite the fighting in former Yugoslavia and the Gulf War.

THE COST OF WORLD DISASTERS
1995 Relief Operations £ thousands

Source: International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies



NATURAL DISASTERS

1	Bangladesh	628
2	China	5,360
3	Cuba	298
4	Caribbean	742
5	North Korea	2,603
6	Philippines	337
7	Bangladesh	383
8	Central Africa	715
9	Mexico	2,102

REFUGEES MOVEMENT

10	Eritrea	615
11	Kenya	2,885
12	Rwanda refugees	44,497
13	Somalia	1,350
14	Sudan	1,481
15	Uganda	2,623
16	Benin/Ghana/Togo	456
17	Liberia and region	2,253
18	Angola	3,659
19	Congo/Zaire	414
20	Malawi	—
21	Mozambique	1,386
22	Burma refugees	240
23	Nepal	533
24	Sri Lanka	448
25	Vietnamese boat people	258
26	Former Yugoslavia	33,548
27	Caucasus	13,444

ECONOMIC COLLAPSE

28	Haiti	2,085
29	Afghanistan	2,149
30	Cambodia	1,793
31	Belarus/Moldavia/Ukraine	2,539
32	Central Asia	4,600
33	Russia	2,244
34	Iraq	7,374

FOOD SECURITY

35	Ethiopia	4,890
36	Southern Africa	1,943
37	Cambodia	1,098

EPIDEMICS

38	Zaire	365
39	Eastern Europe	5,691

NUCLEAR DISASTER

40	Chernobyl	765

Serbs hurl rocks at women on peace trip

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN SARAJEVO

THE local radio station in Prijedor, a town in the Serb Republic best known for imprisoning Muslims and Croats in concentration camps in 1992, reported on Sunday that the civilian population had bravely repelled an attack by Mujahidin and mercenary fighters.

The foreign forces alleged t have penetrated Serb territory yesterday gave a press conference in Sarajevo. They were 44 women from an internationa womens' peace group, known as "Through Heart to Peace" which has made several trips to Bosnia-Herzegovina throughout the war to plan "trees of peace".

Dressed in T-shirts emblazoned with hearts, they set ou at the weekend on a coach escorted by troops from the Nato peace implementation force with the aim of planting a tree in Kozarac, a Serb village outside Prijedor and the home of Dusan Tadic, the Bosnian Serb on trial in The Hague for war crimes.

"We wanted to plant a tree in Kozarac," said Gillian Kean, the group's spokeswoman, "because we believe good will, friendship, and I dare say love, may make a difference when nothing else does. We planted trees in Mostar, Knin and Sarajevo: it only seemed fair to plant one there."

The group, made up o women from Europe and North America, claims to have no political or religious affiliation. The plan had been to plant the tree, then drive on to the Bosnian capital to mee other women.

The group had contacted Nato, the United Nations agency for refugees, and the local authorities in Prijedor to clear the visit as a "matter o courtesy". When the coach which was escorted by Nato armoured personnel carriers reached the outskirts o Prijedor, however, it was me by a menacing crowd o civilians, brandishing sticks and rocks. They hurled stones at the bus, shattering its windows and forcing the women to retreat.

The group said they were outraged by the event. "There is no way they could have mistaken us as a mercenary group of Mujahidin. They knew who we were." Mr Kean said.

Over the past few weeks groups of mainly Muslim refugees have tested the freedom of movement guaranteed to them by the Dayton peace accord by attempting to visi the towns in the Serb Republic from which they were expelled during the war. Time and time again, however, they have been met by hostile Serb crowds who have successfully thwarted the pilgrimages.

Death for killer of SAS veteran

FROM JAN RAATH *IN HARARE*

HARARE'S High Court sentenced to death the killer of a veteran British former Special Air Services officer, bludgeoned to death in his bed here three years ago after a 50-year career in international clandestine operations in the world's trouble spots.

Lieutenant-Colonel Dudley Coventry was 76 when Elijah Chimuchenga attacked him with the butt of an 1873 Winchester rifle the officer had collected on one of his operations, and he died after a month in a coma. Judge Moses Chinengho said the attack "showed the unacceptable face of human degeneracy and callousness", and found Chimuchenga guilty without extenuating circumstances, the daily *Herald* newspaper said yesterday.

The London-born colonel showed his talent for unconventional warfare in Afghanistan soon after he joined the British Army, and spent much of the Second World War behind German lines, once killing an SS trooper with a single punch to the jaw.

He finished his military career, at the age of 72, by parachuting at the head of Zimbabwean forces into a Mozambique rebel base, and directing the attack armed only with a walking stick.

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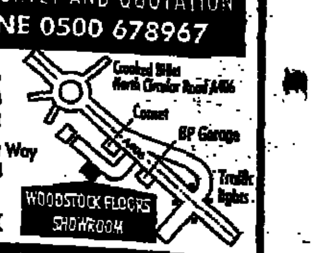

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Heat on Olympic staff as they race to prepare 'biggest thing in history of America'

Atlanta faces marathon task before Games begin

Braving energy-sapping temperatures and a plague of beggars, **Quentin Letts** reports that Atlanta still has many hurdles to overcome

WITH 50 days to go before the start of the centennial Olympiad, downtown Atlanta is a mess. A small city with big ideas has already moved the Earth to get this far, but that has left heaps of top soil.

Builders worked overtime through last weekend's Memorial Day holiday. Bulldozers shovelled rocks and men with glue guns tried to repair pavements loosened by thunderstorms and Atlanta's shifting sands. The Olympic park is a dustbowl.

Can they be ready on time? "We have to be, simple as that," said Bob Brennan of the Olympic Games committee, "but there are bound to be nay-sayers right down to the wire." A.D. Frazier, the committee's chief executive, added that he sleeps like a baby: "Dream for an hour, then wake up and cry for an hour."

Dale, a recent arrival from Philadelphia, said: "These games are going to be great for business." But Dale was one of several tramps — ten in 28 hours — who asked me for money in Atlanta's "Olympic circle", the site of the hotels, shops and main arenas. The stadium has been built on the site of former public housing, but the beggars present a whiffy contrast to the antiseptic Olympic gaiety. Atlanta may need to do what Peking did before the 1990 Asia Games and jail the deadbeats until the show is over.

Atlanta's tramps like to lollop along beside you, making small talk. Two tried to flatter my presumed white liberalism — "thanks, mister, you're one of the few guys not to treat me like black dirt" — and all swore it was impossible to find work. That day's *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* had 30 pages of "help wanted" adverts. Nancy Ware, a restaurateur, has had to import nieces and godchildren from around America and put them up at her house while they do menial work for her.

Temporary incarceration has befallen Billy Payne, the property lawyer who one restless night in 1987 first thought of bringing the Games to Atlanta. At the weekend Mr Payne was taken to hospital for surgery on a herniated disc in his neck. When he is discharged from St Joseph's hospital, some Atlantans want to ask him about the amount of public money going to the Games, which he said would be privately funded. It was reported last week that the public support will exceed $810 million (£536 million).

Much of it will be spent on a security force of 31,000 people, from federal agents for VIPs and the Clintons to local police, volunteers and undercover personnel. Officials from Atlanta have been to Israel for anti-terrorism training and there are fears that one of America's anti-government militias may attempt an IRA-style "spectacular".

Atlanta's climate could be equally destructive. On a May afternoon it reached 93F, a temple-thumping, polluted, humid heat that saps your energy. Late July will be hotter. Bill Taylor, a native Atlantan and environmental scientist, said: "I am delighted the Games are being held here, but in high summer? They're crazy. The marathon runners will collapse."

In mid-town, at noon, I asked for directions to a place less than a mile away. "Don't try to walk it," said a labourer behind the wheel of a Ford pick-up. I did walk it, at leisurely pace, but by the end my bones were weary and my shirt was soaked. "We will have first-aid folk at all venues and will tell visitors to carry water," Mr Brennan said.

The heat affected the Olympic torch relay in Missouri at the weekend when it dribbled from a canter to a trot, a jog, a slow shuffle and finally to a panting crawl. The aged runner appeared about to melt when she was urgently replaced. Back in Atlanta, a squad of cheerleaders rehearsed the opening ceremony in the 85,000-seat stadium. Their teeth were marshalled by all-American braces while their steps were choreographed by a man who looked like Sir Cliff Richard.

Mr Brennan said: "Atlanta has always been a hey-look-at-me city. We speak too often, perhaps, in superlatives, but this event is the biggest thing in the history of the United States in peacetime. Atlanta is going to be one of the 20 greatest cities in the world."

For all his optimism, however, Atlanta remains a cute Southern town boasting an equestrian statue of John Brown Gordon, Confederate general and leader of a hillbilly platoon called the Raccoon Roughs. The Olympic committee could use a few of those boys right now.

STEPHEN BRADLEY

A tramp pitches for business in Atlanta's Marietta Street

Atlanta 1996

☐ **An ultra-violet index will warn spectators of over-exposure to the sun.**

☐ *21 million pounds of ice will cool drinks — and competing horses.*

☐ **A computerised scoreboard for boxing will prevent fiddling.**

☐ *The more than 10,000 athletes, except when in action, will wear electronic pagers so that they can be contacted immediately.*

☐ **The mascot of the Atlanta Games is a silly little creature called Izzy (originally "Whatizit?"). The next Olympic city may be one that promises to do away with any mascot.**

☐ *Palm-reading "Hand Identifier" machines will be used at high-security gates.*

☐ **Officials will use more than 18,000 mobile telephones and walkie-talkies.**

☐ *The swimming pools have a computerised "surge system" to reduce waves.*

☐ **The computer network for the Games will be able to carry the equivalent of the information in *The Times* every day for the next 30,000 years.**

☐ *The Olympic Village is within yards of America's greatest greasy spoon, the Varsity restaurant (est. 1928). Onion rings like lassos, chips with everything and barbeque pork which will add hours to sprint times.*

STEPHEN DUNN

American Jafer Johnson, Olympic decathlete, on the first leg of the torch relay

Atheists call for vow of silence

AN ATTEMPT is being made to stop Georgia's evangelists from proselytising during the Olympics.

The Freedom from Religion Foundation attacked Baptist plans to greet tourists with official Olympic hospitality packs including water, suntan lotion, peppermints and a "plan of salvation".

The foundation, a national group of atheists and agnostics, called the Baptist campaign "a blatant violation of separation of Church and State, putting the power and prestige of government behind one denomination and one religion".

The Baptists hope to hand out their packages and uplifting booklets at state-run rest stops. "Let them do it on private property," the foundation said in a letter to Zell Miller, Georgia's Governor.

The Rev Toby Frost, for the Southern Baptist Convention, replied that preaching was permitted under "constitutional freedoms" and said he would welcome atheists to his rest missions.

Tourists arriving in Atlanta will find volunteers pressing them to discuss Christ. Atlanta is a fervently religious city and has more than 2,000 churches. Catherine Watson, an elderly Jehovah's Witness, dispensing religious literature on the street, said: "The Games will bring rich pickings for the Lord."

False reef has surfers on crest of a wave

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

SURFERS in California are riding high after an unlikely alliance of surfing enthusiasts and oil company executives announced plans to build the world's first artificial reef.

Designed to enhance the way a wave breaks, the reef will be made of 30 polyester bags, each filled with 300 tonnes of sand, to be submerged off Dockweiler State Beach in a giant "V". The idea, so far untested, is to restore the gradual, curling breaking pattern for which the Dockweiler waves were once famous.

Since the Chevron oil giant built a jetty in the early 1980s to link its nearby refinery to tankers offshore, the Pacific swell has been sloshing ineffectually onto the beach. The artificial reef is designed to meet incoming waves apex first. The wall of sand will slow down the bottom of a wave, forcing the top to break, spreading outwards as the wave flows over the "V".

The unusual edifice will not be fixed. It will be dumped from barges, one bag at a time, on to a plastic sheet the size of a football field, put there to minimise shifting.

Environmental groups and the Los Angeles County Department of Recreation and Parks have yet to give the experiment their blessing, but the omens are good: similar sandbags have been used to protect offshore drilling rigs.

Surfers are delighted. Officialdom has at last recognised that "rideable ocean waves are a resource to be protected", Steve Hawk, editor of a surfing magazine, said after provisional approval by the California Coastal Commission. Chevron has offered $300,000 (£197,368) in funding for the project.

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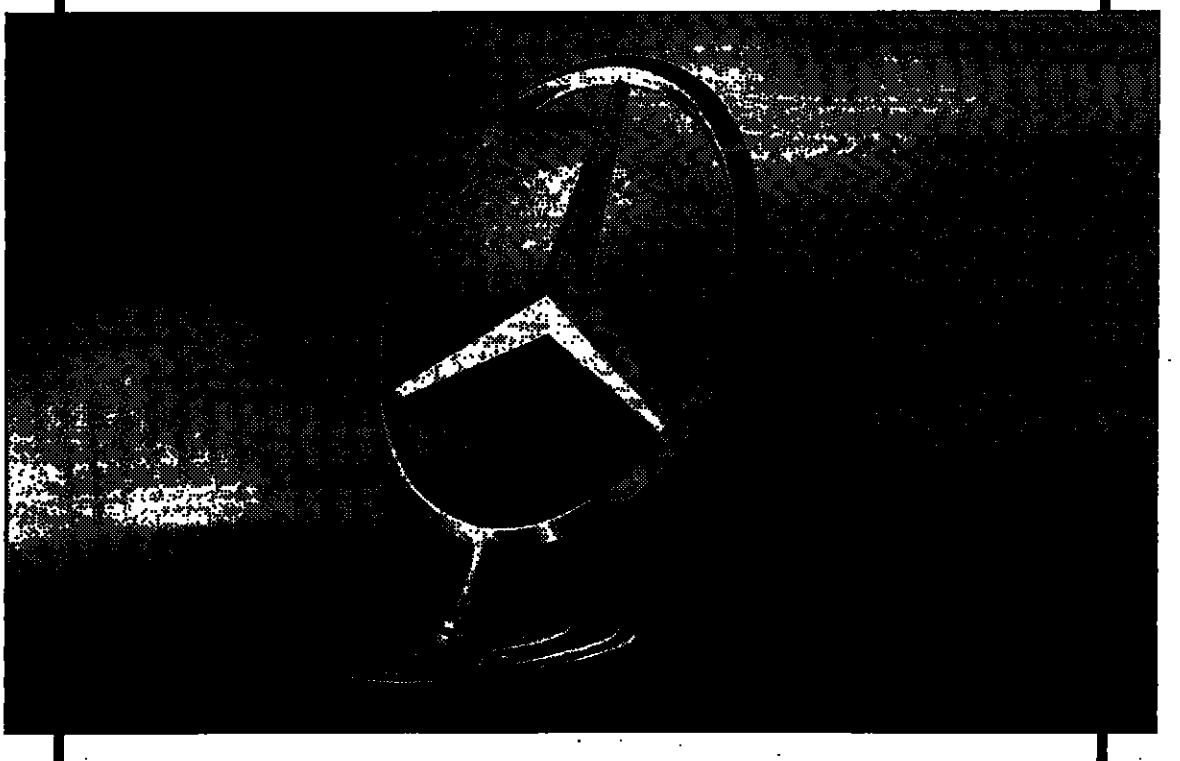

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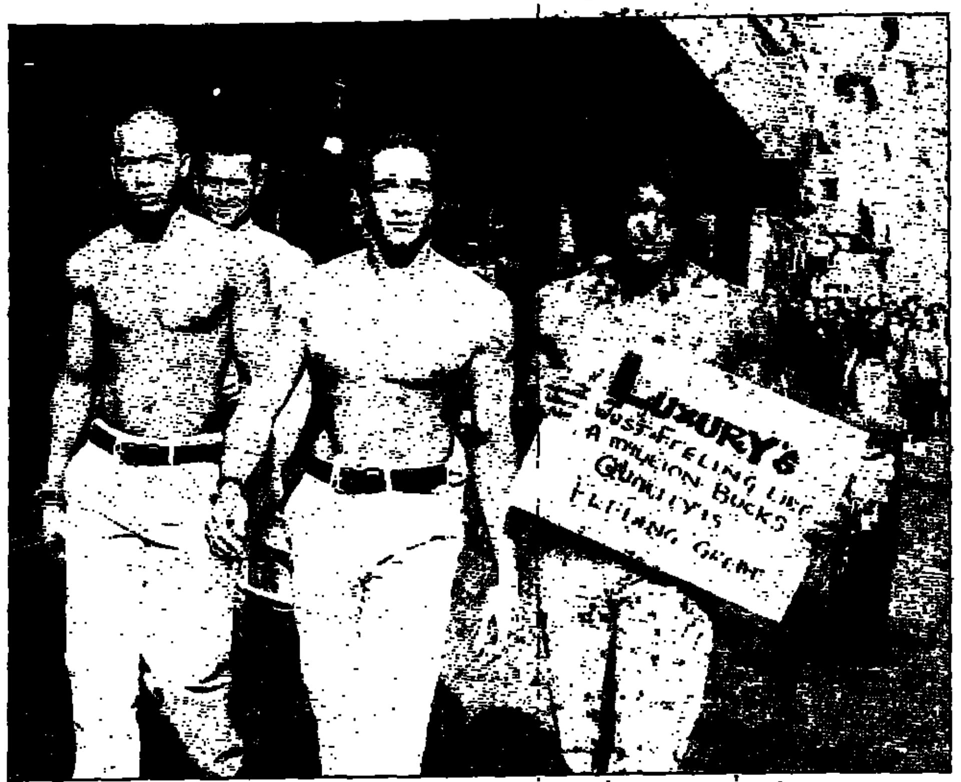
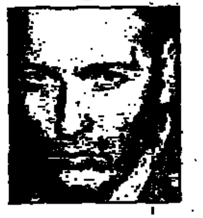


Levis Dockers: so popular that Levis claims six out of ten 18 to 35-year-old Americans wear them

Chinos, oversized and on the hips, are staging a comeback

Fashion journalist of the year



IAIN R. WEBB

THE LATEST advertisement for the swanky house of Chanel, synonymous with luxury and glamour, features models Shalom Harlow and Amber-Valetta. They are dressed in matching chequered jackets (pastel pink and sky blue, respectively) with shawl collars, flap-pockets, ribbon-edge binding and no front fastenings — the latest update by Karl Lagerfeld of Coco's original trademark design.

Each girl wears a pair of flat, two-tone MaryJane sandals: Harlow sports a white cropped vest revealing a leather and gilt chain belt around her waist. It is somewhat surprising to find that the bottom halves of both girls are clad in identical pairs of practical, down-to-earth chino pants.

The sight of these utilitarian trousers in non-specific shades (they are available anywhere between off-white and khaki) and hardy cotton drill — first on the Chanel catwalk and then on the printed page — is enough to set alarm bells ringing at Vogue House. A trend definitely in the making: Lagerfeld is nothing if not a barometer of taste, and is always quick off the mark with the latest must-have item.

In America, Calvin Klein (another trendspotter) features larger-than-life chinos (or khakis as they are known there) in his latest CK Jeans collection. In the 1990s, it looks as if Klein will do for chinos what he did for blue jeans in the 1970s: make them sexy.

"It's about a casual sensuality," says Klein. "A new uniform that is an alternative to traditional jeanswear." Once again Klein's advertisements feature skinny teenagers wearing vastly oversized trousers. This is the hippest way to wear your chino pants, a take on the street style popularised by black Gangsta Rap singers and bands. It is also remarkably flattering: baggy, low-slung trousers offer the illusion of being ultra-slim.

Klein's models also come topless, as do the boys who wear Levis Dockers. Levis launched Dockers, its own line of chinos, in America in 1986. The brand has become so popular that the company now claims to dress six out of every ten men across the country between the ages of 18 and 35. There are four styles in 12 shades.

Calvin Klein likes the "casual sensuality" of outsize chinos

The advertising campaign to launch the line in the UK features half-naked men strolling the streets in nothing but a pair of tough-looking Dockers and a sturdy belt. To accompany the print ads there is a spoof broadsheet newspaper which unveils "The Mission" — a manifesto "against the formal conventions, rules and restrictions that make life uncomfortable and boring . . ." In it a spread features an image of a business-like briefcase repeated over and over under the words: Get To Know Your Enemy. It duly attacks conservatism, formality, conformity et al. Another spread, headlined "Imagine A World Without Uniforms", shows a Wall Street type in suit, collar and tie. The subtext reads: "If God created Man, the Devil designed his clothes."

The true origins of the chino are less ominous. Originally, British India exported khaki-coloured cloth to China, and then China sold it to Americans in the Philippines during the First World War. The Americans called the pants "chinos" because of their supposed Chinese origins.

In America, they became the favourite off-duty gear for Hollywood stars such as Gene Kelly, Marilyn Monroe, James Dean and Grace Kelly, who favoured the anonymous-looking item as part of their downplayed off-screen images.

The chino pant soon became part of the uniform of the preppy collegiate as portrayed by Ryan O'Neal in *Love Story*. Most popular in the 1950s and 1960s, they were usurped by the omnipresent jeans until the late 1970s, when they again came back into vogue. Their durable image is enduring.

Calvin Klein is doing for chinos in the 1990s what he did for jeans in the 1970s — making them sexy

Karl Lagerfeld puts Chanel models in check jacket and chinos

Chinos are still a firm favourite among campus kids. In her summer collection, the New York designer Anna Sui parodied the look, mixing Madras checked beanie hats, nerdy anoraks and chinos teamed with the ultimate preppy footwear — Hush Puppies: Suede shoes have stepped back into style and are being worn by the pop elite, Blur and Oasis. Hush Puppies are available in Britain through Dolcis stores nationwide in tangy shades of orange, lime, purple and the more subdued khaki. The hippest way to wear them is without socks for that all-year-round holiday look.

Suddenly everywhere you look there are girls and guys wearing chino pants. Last summer the style setters went wild for camouflaged fatigue trousers, and this year the chino (a less aggressive relation of the combat pant) is destined to become the fashionable choice.

HOWEVER, it is the appearance of chinos on the international catwalks and in a recent issue of *Vogue* magazine which has afforded the straightforward trouser its star status. It may be just another example of the perverse pleasure that fashion stylists and designers find in taking the plain and turning it into something special for the smart set, but Tina Laakkonen, a fashion editor at *Vogue*, who featured chinos from Gap (some of the best) teamed with a lilac-checked jacket from Bhs in the pages of the May issue, just wanted to replicate *that* Chanel look.

"That whole story was about doing high street versions of designer looks," she says. "I thought the chinos at Chanel were one of the most interesting ideas on the catwalk.

"This was Karl showing another great way of wearing the Chanel jacket. He is always trying to find new ways — in the 1980s he put the jacket with a pair of denim jeans. This is more relaxed but at same time extremely classic. What could be more classic than chino pants?"

THE MOVIE STARS

Gap's advertising campaign uses Gene Kelly . . .

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Manners from heaven: the escort has long been familiar in society circles. Nowadays it is married businesswomen who pay for company

Pay and display: men who cost £75 an hour

The lounge lizard is sloughing off his old skin and finding himself much in demand again.

Rachel Campbell-Johnston on the Nineties gigolo

Surely that handsome young man you sat next to at dinner last night can't be Lucinda's new beau? He isn't. He's *the man from the agency.* A friend of mine — public school and university educated, from a family whose name is blazoned in *Burke's Peerage — has taken to turning a quick* profit as a male escort.

As an unpublished writer, he is as much in search of copy as cash, so he skirts his way around the social scene on the arm of a woman who has hired him for the night. The oldest profession in the world, it seems, is catching up with the equal opportunities of our times.

The gigolo — a breed as burlesque as his hair is bouffant — has been around since the 1920s. A dapper dresser in blazer and slacks, with sentiments shallower than his suntan, he has long been familiar in society circles. There was Joan Collins's erstwhile escort "Bungalow Bill" — so called because he had nothing upstairs, but plenty downstairs. Or there was Larry Fortensky, alias Mr Elizabeth Taylor Number Eight. His wedding *present was to get his hair,* teeth and nails redone.

But the lounge lizard is sloughing off his old skin. I accompanied my friend one evening to meet his fellow escorts on one of their regular get-togethers in a bar in the Strand, in central London.

Manners fell from heaven. *The hint of a cigarette raised to* the lips brought on a rock concert flare of lighters. As I drifted through a haze of competing aftershaves, I came across a shy — and somewhat cagey — young man who had come along to find out more about being an escort. A fuchsia spot of embarrassment blossomed on each cheek when I told him I was with *The Times.* "Don't mention my name in anything you write," he pleaded. "I don't want my parents to know what I'm doing."

The next day a colleague approached me. "You met a friend of mine last night," he said. "I was at Eton with him and he phoned to ask me if I would ask *you to please not* mention his name."

Other escorts, however, were less shy about their work. Liam is 25. He was brought up *in Kent and educated* at private school and Sandhurst before joining The Blues and Royals. When he was injured in a fall from his horse he became a model, but with assignments few and far between he turned to escorting. Hired out at £75 an hour, he was first attracted to the job by the money.

He estimates that about 70 per cent of the women he takes out are married. "A typical client would be a travelling businesswoman," he explains. Alone in a strange city, a woman can find herself facing grim options when it comes to time to relax. *In the bar she risks harass*ment from bibulous travelling salesmen. If she goes out to dinner, she falls prey to the sympathetic glances of cosier *couples. "If she hires an escort,* she can go out and feel comfortable, unthreatened and in control."

> With an escort a woman can go out and feel in control

Liam's agency, L'Homme, has nearly 100 escorts on its files. The escorts operate nationwide and range in age from 20 to 60 and in nationality from Australian to Afro-Caribbean. But once a client has chosen Liam — above *Barry, for instance, from* NW9 who is interested in aromatherapy and world affairs, or Clifford of Godalming who bashfully boasts "the cutest *bottom in Surrey"* — his first contact with her will be by phone.

"It is important to ask them what sort of clothes they want me to wear, whether it is casual or black tie," Liam says. "I *have been booked for* a dinner dance, for instance, when the tickets had been bought in advance but the woman's husband had suddenly been unable to go.

"Once it was the husband *who called me and I didn't* even talk to my client until I arrived to pick her up. Her husband was there, he was recovering from flu, but he *was very protective: I could tell* from the way he shook my hand — he almost left it bruised.

"At the end of the evening he *was still up and I drank* a whisky with him. It turned out that he knew someone in my old regiment and after that we got on well."

When *Liam goes out he* always makes sure he is clean shaven and he wears a touch of after*shave. "It's the de*tails that matter," he says, "things like clean nails and handkerchief and *polished shoes."* Operating in London he usually uses a taxi to pick the woman up. She *pays the fare. But if* he is going outside London or needs a car, he borrows a Mercedes from a friend.

His client *often gives him* cash before they start out so that he can pay for taxis, drinks at the bar and cloakroom tips. He returns what is *unused at the end of the* evening. At dinner he usually chooses the wine, *but tries to* let the woman guide him regarding the price.

He sometimes *makes friends* with his clients. During the past three months he has been going out regularly with the *wife of an American business*man who is working so hard that he is too tired to go out at night. The couple have only recently moved to London and she has *no* friends here. Since she loves to salsa, she hires Liam to take her to Latin American clubs. "She is gradually beginning to meet people and soon she won't need me," Liam says.

Other engagements are strictly one-offs. One of Liam's colleagues was booked by a lesbian who had not yet dared to come out. *She* hired a chaperone to accompany her to her sister's wedding to save her from the clutches of aged aunts demanding to know *when she too would find* herself a "nice young man".

Does an evening end with nothing more than a decorous peck on the cheek? "The *women who book me,"* Liam says, "usually want company and companionship. They want a good night out, or an ear for all their problems. I try *to provide that.* What happens between consenting adults is their concern."

Parents have a right to all the information

A rum formula

Is it arrogance? Is it stupidity? Is it cynicism? I cannot imagine what it is *that makes the Government* feel it is acceptable — and, what's more, politically *wise — to keep* mum over the *precise* findings of its own research into the levels of certain chemicals in infant formula milk.

The Government's mishandling of the BSE crisis — and it is its maladroitness that *has made it into* such a crisis — has made us all nervy and suspicious. Can a government *minister truly believe that now,* as he is questioned about the presence of phthalates in formula, is the time to tell us that "if we say things are safe, then that is what we mean"? Even to think of uttering such a remark shows a want of judgment, which is even more outrageous than the patronising high-handedness his answer also betrays.

I suppose in the first instance the concern must be whether there really is any danger in infant formula. Well, yes, *we know the* Government says there is *none,* but if, after all, its own research reveals that in some or all of the baby milk tested, *there are present* levels of chemicals which are known to have a feminising effect, potentially leading to reduced fertility in males and an increase in breast cancer in females, *then* clearly *this is not* some fantasy of an irresponsible press, as Her Majesty's *ministers would like every*one to believe.

It's *not* that *I* believe the Government is necessarily lying, or that it is motivated by the *ignoble desire to* cover anything up, but surely any halfwit, even one in the present administration, could see that this cagey behaviour makes it look as if that is exactly *what it is doing.*

Nigella Lawson

Besides, I cannot see any intellectual justification for withholding further information. It's no good saying condescendingly that the British public really doesn't want to be bothered with *scientific* tables which won't mean much to anyone, when clearly the British public is *asking* for more information, and along those lines. It may well be that the findings, unexplained, would lead *people to worry unnecessarily, but it is* not for the Government to tell us how or when we may legitimately worry, or what about.

I can see that the Government believes it is *not just protecting the interests of the* manufacturers of baby milk, but also — more pointedly — those of the consumers, or rather the consumers' parents. If a baby is being fed on formula, then better not to *worry his or her mother about it.* There is already enough sniffing about the unfairness of making mothers feel guilty about not breastfeeding in the first place.

Shortly after I had my first baby, a *midwife told me about some research into* feeding. Apparently there had already been amassed information in significant enough amounts to show a correlation between formula-feeding and, *when compared to* breastfed babies, an increased likelihood of *cot death. Such findings would not be* published, she said, because no one wanted to scare people, or to make those who fed their babies on formula feel worse about it.

I am sure there are many doctors and scientists — and, not to forget them, government ministers — who will rush *forward to insist that there is no evidence for* such an assertion. Perhaps that is so: Dr Stuttaford yesterday wrote eloquently enough, as ever, on the very unreliability of such scientific evidence, its underlying irrelevance as a guide to what may or may not be the case. Apart from anything else, we all *know,* or should *know,* that in medicine there is only opinion, not fact. But that doesn't mean certain opinions should get hushed up.

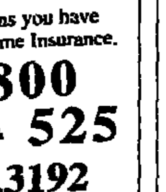
The truth is, however much people pontificate on the likelihood or otherwise of there being any *pernicious side-effects to* infant *formula, or on the* very idiocy of the idea, no one knows: indeed, no one can know at this stage. So any insistence that there is, cate*gorically speaking, no risk* whatsoever has to be fallacious.

What is so very unsettling in all this, too, is the *inconsistency it reveals.* After all, how can a Government that believes in publishing every league table going suddenly turn *around and say that the* relevant data should be withheld *here?*

What's happened to choice, to the public's right to information that already exists in *order to make that choice? It's* all very suspicious — but not surprising. This particular *hypocrisy* is not so much intrinsic to this Conservative Government, but to government itself.

I don't believe that a Labour government would behave any differently. All parties — as psephologists know — behave in the same way once elected. Openness is *always more attractive to those in opposition* than to those in office. As far as the politicians are concerned, the great British public is a useful rhetorical touchstone, but just a damned nuisance when it thinks it can *start interfering with the real business of* government which, after all, Knows Best.

In the present instance the Government concludes that there is no danger, therefore no need to know. This at the very least shows *muddled thinking: our right to have access to* any data cannot depend on what that data might be or where it might lead. But most of all, I can't help feeling it is a bit rum coming from the lot who have decreed that only the *guilty insist on the right to silence and that* the innocent need no such protection.



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Alan Coren

■ I didn't know we were fighting for the freedom to break windows and heads

I had a good war, all in all. Picked up a bit of shrapnel, of course, but who didn't? There was a lot of it flying about, then. A chap didn't make a fuss.

"What's that, Coren?"

"Nothing, sir. Bit of shrapnel."

"Shrapnel, eh? Better let me take a look."

"It's only — ow!"

"What do I do to boys who pick up dangerous things?"

"You give them a clout with Old Tom, sir."

"I give them a clout with Old Tom. Correct."

My knuckles still smart in wet weather. What kind of madman calls his stick Old Tom? Nobody in 2a knew for certain why our dear form-master had not been called up, but the strong suspicion was that he was being held in reserve in case Hitler pulled anything really nasty, eg, poison gas, in which event Mr Churchill would tear up the Geneva Convention, send a khaki Humber tearing round to Barham Park Primary, and parachute the crazy bastard into Berlin. If that ever happened, we gave Hitler ten minutes.

He returned the bit of shrapnel at the end of term, though, after I had made a poignant plea for it on the grounds that it had helped to demolish my grandfather's greenhouse. The greenhouse copped it during a night raid on the Fairey Aviation factory at Hayes, a mile or so from the grandparental Wembley semi where I was then billeted, and I can still smell the dust from the carpet inside the Morrison shelter in the dining-room being beaten into my nostrils by the concussions, and hear my grandfather tearing open the blackout curtains to see what the crash was all about, and shouting: "They've got the greenhouse! They've got the greenhouse!", as if it had been the Luftwaffe's sole priority, Dornier pilots five miles up cheering and congratulating one another on having at last wiped out the geraniums at 4 Copland Avenue, breaking radio silence to morse the news to an ecstatic Goering, leaning out into the chill blackness to paint another greenhouse on the fuselage, turning joyously for home and Iron Crosses, arms linked, singing the Horst Wessel song.

Why do I suddenly think of all this, now? Only because, after half a century, I went back to Wembley on Sunday evening for a bridge match, and we were a little early, so I drove around a bit in order to fascinate my wife with wondrous tales of vanished fish-parlour and Scout hut, and we went past the house I used to live in, and turned a corner into a similar quiet suburban street, and there came upon three Asian men putting up steel scaffold-poles, a dozen feet high, behind a front-garden wall.

But while we could see half of why they were doing this, because it had been done to the houses on either side where the poles were now supporting heavy steel mesh, we couldn't fathom the other half of the why, which was the half about needing 12ft high heavy steel mesh in the first place. So I pulled over and got out and asked them, and with that wry politeness which decent folk reserve for imbeciles they pointed out that Euro 96 was just a week away and Wembley Stadium only half a mile from where we stood. Which meant that for the three sporting weeks between June 8 and June 30, their street would be filled with countless sportsmen keen to bung bricks through their windows. What kind of sportsmen? Distraught supporters of knocked-out teams? Enraged victims of ticket touts and forgers, left seatlessly to vent their spleen on anything breakable? Mainland continentals, perhaps, retaliating against John Major's War Cabinet? Well, no: for my old neighbourhood is now an Asian one, and where a generation back, it went in fear and trembling while Nazis smashed its glass, it goes in fear, in 1996, of exactly the same. Or, rather, almost exactly. The tiny difference is that the Nazis are British, now.

So count yourself fortunate, dear reader, that I have such little gift for irony. Otherwise, I might have made a bit of a meal of all this.

On being bloody-minded

Major's Operation Moo is a phoney war, but neither side will give an inch

Simon Jenkins

Yesterday a British expeditionary force crossed the Channel and established contact with the enemy. Fighting at battalion strength, Brigadiers Freeman, Oppenheim and Chalker penetrated the Berlaymont enclave, braving a withering fire of ridicule. They replied with salvos of *nons*, *neins* and *ochis*. The enemy was surprised and took heavy casualties. It retreated to lick wounds of hilarity and amazement. The day went to our boys. Thanks be to God and St George.

The first engagement of the Great Beef War left a number of corpses on the *battlefield. There will now be no further* moves on Aids in the Third World, no help to Asian refugees and no steps to cut red tape for small firms. Ahead lie bolder horizons. British ministers will next fight efforts to curb Euro-fraud. They will veto a plan to counter drug dealing and improve liaison between police forces. With this salient secured, John Major may next commit his divisions against reforms to the common agricultural policy and a wider European Union. Europhobia is coursing his veins. The howls of the tabloids ring in his ears. No foreigner is safe from the thin red line of heroes when veto is in the air.

Never was it more true that politics is war by other means. The British Cabinet faces an enemy, *has an objective and (we* assume) has a war plan. The enemy is made up of the member governments of the European Union. The objective is ending the ban on British beef. The war plan is a secret, but Downing Street confirms that there is a war cabinet and a secretariat in place. Hostilities have been brought forward from next month's Florence summit. Operation Moo is under way.

The first threat to any plan comes not from the enemy but from Generals Mishandling and Hindsight. They have their uses. Back in March, when the BSE story broke, the Government found British beef instantly banned by the French, Dutch, Belgians, Portuguese and five German states. These bans were illegal. They were imposed by the relevant authorities with *obvious* glee, supported by farm lobbyists eager to wipe out competition. (This has proved *counter-productive: even farm lobbyists* can make mistakes.) Given the limited nature of the "provocation", the bans were a gross abuse of the collective unity of the common agricultural policy.

All trade bans are evil. They are usually imposed by governments to prove their virility to some interest group. But some may be necessary evils. I suggested in March a swift retaliatory ban on continental beef, to bloody the noses of continental producer interests and to level the field *for subsequent* court action. If other governments chose gunboat diplomacy to exploit Britain's *tentative (and honest) scientific research* into BSE, the best reply was more gunboat diplomacy. A British ban against a country in which Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease is more prevalent than in Britain (such as Germany) would be as defensible as Germany's ban against Britain. The fiasco could have gone to the European Court and awaited the outcome, with both sides bleeding.

We can argue *all* night over the handling. It was inviting *overreaction for the* British Government to announce the BSE findings in that *cauldron of hysteria*, the House of Commons. But that does not affect the rights and wrongs. Had Britain retaliated at once, foreign governments would have protested that British scientists started all this. But the scientists specifically rejected any need for a ban. It was foreign governments who turned a scientific controversy into a war. They launched their bans before the EU veterinary committee *had even met.* They started this fight. Britain too had interests to defend. In diplomacy there is sometimes a virtue in being tough.

Mr Major did not take this route. He bided his time and had to watch mortified as the rest of Europe marshalled its forces against him. He retaliated only last week, and after the failure of the veterinary committee to lift the ban on Brit*ish beef by-products. He eventually de*clared war over tallow and semen. That beats even the strange war of my name*sake's ear as an absurd casus belli.*

The form of British retaliation was not to hurt the instigators of the war, the continental beef producers, and so turn the enemy's flank. Instead, Mr Major attacked the workings of the Council of Ministers. He did so with a flurry of briefing about a "war cabinet", knowing this would stimulate an odious xenophobia in the tabloid media. Downing Street cannot plead innocent on this account. It knew what it was doing. (I wonder what *will be tossed to the Right next week,* capital punishment or a Divorce Bill capitulation?)

All this and more is presumably set out in the war plan. European delegates are meant to gasp as Roger Freeman, Lynda Chalker and Peter Oppenheim patrol the Brussels committee rooms reading out their BSE message, like gay rights demonstrators at an Anglican synod. The foreign ministers are expected to crawl home and plead with their farm lobbies to see reason and welcome *British beef back* into their freezers. I am at a loss to see why *they should.* French and German beef can be sold in Britain, but their producers are protected from reciprocal competition. If I were a continental farmer, I would not give an inch. I would pour cash into my consumer groups and lobbyists, insisting that British beef is unsafe and always will be, until every British cow is a cinder and every British farm is set aside for rambling.

Non-cooperation may be mag*nificent to the château gener*als of Downing Street, but it is not what I call war. The engagement *seems* phoney. It *smacks* of Tweedledum and Tweedledee: "Let's fight till six, and then have dinner." Cohorts of Eurocrats must be smirking behind their hands. As for the war plan, its course seems indeterminate. The "framework" demanded by Britain of *the Council of Ministers for ending the* ban is unlikely to help British beef back onto world markets. Yet its compensa*tion cost of £2.4 billion is indefensible.* This cannot make sense. Such money would be better spent on marketing, when the hue and cry has died down, than on slaughter.

British public opinion is not stupid about Europe. There is no poll that shows a majority of Britons wanting to withdraw from the EU. But when so-called partners on the Council of Ministers behave like hostile trading powers, Britons want fair play. When they do not get fair play, they want retaliation.

Yes, the British Government is in *trouble domestically. What is strange* about that? The same is true of most democracies. Since the days of the *Common Market*, the European Union has had to tailor itself to the domestic sensitivities of member governments. The sorry tale of the agricultural policy is one of weakness by all governments in the face of their farm lobbies. Behind that weakness lurk unmentionable monsters. Do not push the Germans too far in negotiation, British ministers are told. There is always a German election in the offing and dark forces are lurking in the shadows. Remember the French farmers and what terror they can strike in the streets of Paris. Never rock the Italian boat, for the Communists are *waiting to take over. As for the Dutch,* be kind to them. They are still in awe of the Germans.

And Britain? Britain is different. It is a land of settled government. Public opinion needs no referendums or recalls. When a British minister gives his word in negotiation, he carries the authority of a whipped Parliament and a deferential people. Britain sticks to the rules, implementing even the Brussels directives it detests. London is expected to accept whatever horror emerges from Europe. *Politics may be the occupational* disease of most democracies. Britain is supposedly immune.

This smug thesis has surely run its course. The same political virus is now raging through the British Government as through those of its European partners. A war has been declared. Mars has been awakened. He demands of those who summon him a most uncomfortable libation, either victory or defeat. We should leave aside talk of mishandling. Hostilities in the beef war were not opened by a scientist setting out a conundrum. They began with a French customs officer ripping *apart a British beef lorry without legal* authority. That is what sent British forces into Belgium yesterday. They have gone as fools. They had better come back as heroes.

Where the Tories and I may part

George Walden on what would make him resign the whip

When I announced that I would *not wish to* be a member of a super-patriotic Conservative Party, and that in certain circumstances *I would be forced to consider detaching* myself, I did not expect laudatory commentaries in the press. In our febrile atmosphere, I expected my views to be travestied and given an anti-patriotic spin, and I was not disappointed.

The Times portrayed me in an editorial as a Europhile afflicted with the values and attitudes of an Enarque, who is out of touch with the popular mood. It cannot be that there is a non-Europhile argument against nationalism, so critics must be converted into Europhiles. "If you are not with us you are against us" is an unpretty maxim for our major national newspaper. Equally tasteless are low allusions to foreign doctrines and connections.

Under the nationality test currently in progress, I can lay claim, though a non-cricketer, to all the patriotic virtues. I am opposed to further integration with Europe, and was one of the first to speak of a referendum on a single currency (which I also oppose). Unlike John Redwood, Michael Portillo and Norman Lamont, who were in *Government at the time* — though they could have resigned — I did not go into the Maastricht lobby without *public demur*, and abstained on a number of votes. Now as then, my view is that it was a treaty too far. My forebodings that Maastricht would produce nationalist tensions are coming true.

As for my alien instincts and doctrines, it is true that I have worked for my country as a diplomat. My experience fortified my belief that British sanity and sense of proportion are our major assets, on which much of our international influence rests, or rested. As for the talk about Enarques, the position is worse than my critics supposed. I spent a year at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA). That is one *reason why I am opposed* to centralising policies and mandarin attitudes, notably over Europe. When consulted by the Prince of Wales a few years ago about setting up an ENA here, I strongly objected, insisting that the last thing we need are more senior administrators, and that what works in one culture may not transfer to another.

On beef derivatives (God help us) my position is close to that of the sagacious Lord Rees-Mogg and no less sagacious Peter Riddell, stalwart patriots both. Our national position is unseemly and will rebound on our reputation, and against a Prime Minister who felt weak *enough to succumb to his own pique* and to petty nationalist pressures. In so doing he has demeaned us all. Patriots are *not* supposed to *make* fools of their own people.

I have a farming constituency, and although the farmers support the Government's actions I have heard not a single chauvinist word from them, or from the farmers' union. Like *me*, they know where the problem started, and do not pretend otherwise. Nor do they underestimate the difficulty of lifting a ban while consumers abroad lack confidence in our products. I have *heard farmers, patriots* to a man, expressing embarrassment at jingoism. To paraphrase Carlyle, when the very *tailors become sans-culottists*, it is time to take note.

As for my intentions, the first is to oppose the rancid Little Englandism that has gripped the country by whatever means I can, if only because a noisy and petulant Little Englander is a most ridiculous person. To bring down the Government over tallow would be ridiculous too. Equally it would be absurd to subject my constituents and endlessly tolerant Conservative Association chairman and agent to a beef by-election.

Moreover, *should* it go in the Government's favour, which is not impossible since my vote has increased over three *elections to 62 per cent, the victory would* give the Government a boost, so encouraging our nationalists to greater endeavours. Even Enarques and mandarins, you see, can understand low politics.

But these are reveries. I shall continue to vote with the Government because I believe that most of what it is doing is right, and because I am not attracted to Labour or the Liberal Democrats. But for me, policy towards Europe is a defining issue. The Tories have weapons enough against Labour — *the single* currency, the veto, the social chapter — without plastic Union Jacks made in Taiwan.

The issue which could cause me to say farewell to the party is not easy to predict. If the Government does not know where it *is going, how can I? The danger* is that it has got itself into a position from which it cannot win. The pressure on John Major not *to fail the cricketing* test by "seeing it through" will be great. When he gets his derivatives victory, as no doubt *he will, or his bit of paper* promising a "framework" to lift the ban, I predict cries of "Chamberlain". *The Times* among others will say *that it is not* enough, and that he is flinching from the main battle. If he doesn't succeed with beef, it will say the same.

For the moment, I grouch and bear it. But if Mr Major is goaded into widening the assault and extending non-cooperation, instead of hard negotiation, to the future of the EU, then I reserve my position. My ultimate test is, what Dr Johnson — he who scoffed at "plebian patriotism" — would have done. Should the Government lurch blindly forward against an adversary only dimly defined through the fog of nationalist rhetoric engulfing it, then, as our German friends say, *ohne mich*: without me.

Princely some

BIG IDEAS are *not* strange turf for the Prince of Wales, but the disclosure on this page by the man of the moment, George Walden, that he once considered setting up a British equivalent of the French Ecole Nationale d'Administration represents a step up in thinking. The ENA, set up by de Gaulle to train the generation of post-Vichy civil servants, is maligned and mythologised across Europe.

Graduates include the French President, Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, Alain Juppé, and legions of mandarins and technocrats.

To its admirers, the ENA is the ultimate finishing school, producing top-notch administrative plumbers, the sort who devour briefings for breakfast. To its detractors, it is a nursery for snakey Eurocrats with paternalist mega-schemes for Europe and the morality of a *hundred Talleyrands.*

Unsurprisingly, in the Seventies, Ted Heath instituted a programme for Whitehall *high-flyers* to attend the Ecole for a year, learning the dark arts of French *administration.*

"It is most odd that the Prince considered setting up an ENA in Britain," says a perplexed Eurosceptic MP. "The place only ever produces the Euro-crazy sort who manipulate their leaders rather than serving them."

● *Poor George Best. Fifty last week, on the wagon, and now being stood up at the pictures. The other day, he was spotted at his local cinema in Chelsea, frantically tapping his watch, his mien gloomy. After much pacing around, he finally entered alone just before the start of the film, a thriller called* Copycat. *"He left just before the film finished," says an observer. "Perhaps he didn't want to be seen leaving alone."*

"I'm not leaving my Brussels sprouts — I'm boycotting them"

THE TIMES DIARY

Into touch

TWICKENHAM is on the march. The latest victims of the new stony-faced professionalism of rugby union are the primary school children of the London suburb. For 26 years they have had their sports day at the famous local stadium. Now the Rugby Football Union, which runs the place, have booted them out in favour *of more lucrative bookings.*

Having endured the heavy traffic brought on by the RFU's empire-building, locals have had enough. The talk in the hydrangeas is now of picketing.

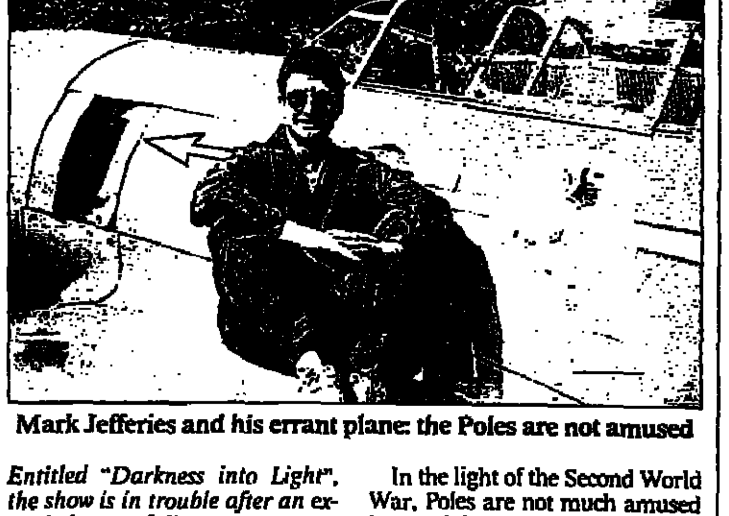
The RFU attributes its action to a problem with its turf reseeding programme after extra fixtures. *But Martin Vassalo, chairman of* the local primary school sports association, thinks this a feeble excuse. "I feel for the children, because to see them run onto that famous pitch is wonderful," he says. "But this seems to be the way rugby is going."

And stick

ANOTHER misfire from Eurostar, the fraught Channel Tunnel service. Offering a two-for-one price on trips to Paris, the company sent out packages to 100,000 customers. On the package was a picture of a red rose. Inside was a carrot, an advertiser's gimmick to underline the generosity of the offer. Bad idea.

By the time the freshly dug carrots reached their destinations they were black, mildewed and less than conducive to thoughts of a romantic break in Paris. Eurostar's marketing director, Mark Furlong, defends his decision. "They were only in the container for two or three days," he says, "and it was never our intention that the carrot was something to keep and cherish."

● *I hope the organisers of Chichester Cathedral's weekend flower festival have a sense of humour. Entitled "Darkness into Light", the show is in trouble after an extended power failure.*



Mark Jefferies and his errant plane: the Poles are not amused

Bad turn

NOT SINCE Mathias Rust touched down in Red Square nine years ago has there been a story to match Mark Jefferies' weekend foray into Polish airspace. Jefferies, 37, a former British aerobatic champion, was buzzing around with two other aircraft at an air show east of Berlin. One wrong turn, according to Polish authorities, and Jefferies had back-flipped his Yakovlev 11 some three miles into Polish airspace.

In the light of the Second World War, Poles are not much amused by the sight of two Russian planes and one German zooming in on them. Within moments, the wires were screeching, with Poland's top brass firing off messages to the show's organisers.

"Chalkie" Jefferies, who once destroyed an instrument panel with his head during an abortive take-off, is dismissive of the accusations. "We could see the ground *and didn't, as far as we could tell,* cross the border." The Poles do not agree and the matter is to be inves*tigated by British authorities.*

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A VOICE FOR ULSTER

Why Conor Cruise O'Brien brings hope to the North

Twenty-two years ago, representatives of Ireland North and South, nationalist and Unionist, tried, in the shadow of a Berkshire golf course, to secure a stable constitutional settlement in Ulster. After the Sunningdale talks, Ian Paisley saw a sell-out and Gerry Adams brought ,back the gunmen. A generation later those two men have hardly moved. But one man who tried to make the Sunningdale agreement work, although he knew well its flaws, has come far.

Conor Cruise O'Brien, an Irish nationalist and minister in the Dublin Government during the Seventies is now, at the age of 78, fighting a new political battle. He is standing in tomorrow's elections to the Ulster peace convention. This former nationalist now hopes to represent the Unionists in another series of talks to determine Ulster's future.

Dr O'Brien's odyssey is the story of reason, sympathy and democracy winning out over blood and myth. And few are more supremely qualified to speak on this issue either by intellect or sentiment. His study of Edmund Burke, *The Great Melody*, is one of the finest analyses of that beguiling combination, the liberal and the conservative. Both men share Irish birth, a sympathy for the oppressed, a feeling for tradition and, through those characteristics, a message for today. If Northern Ireland is to find peace it should find a place for Dr O'Brien at the table.

When he sat in the Irish Cabinet, Dr O'Brien tried to secure peace on the basis of Sunningdale, with power-sharing in the Province and a Council of Ireland to transcend the border. But already he knew that, while power-sharing was a far from perfect but worthwhile attempt to escape from past mistakes, undermining the wish of Ulster's people to remain British was counterproductive.

As a Catholic and a liberal he sought to move Ulster beyond sectarianism. But as a democrat he recognised that it was the sincere and settled wish of Ulster's majority to remain within the Union. Since then Dr O'Brien has moved from sympathy for Unionism, to vocal support, and now to standing for the United Kingdom Unionist Party (UKUP). He has risked the disobliging and begrudging words of Dublin to stand up for the principle that Ulster's future should be settled by democrats, not dictated by terrorists.

Both as journalist and politician, Dr O'Brien has consistently penetrated Sinn Fein's empty formulas. He has argued that the revolutionary soldiers of the IRA may sometimes change tactics but never their violent and undemocratic intentions. He has been called a Cassandra and suffered her cold comfort. When the IRA ceasefire ended with the murder of two innocents he was proved, sadly, right.

The UKUP is a new party, founded by Robert McCartney, MP for North Down and a successful barrister born in working-class loyalist Belfast. Unlike many sons of the Shankill he is resolutely opposed to the Protestant triumphalism of traditional Unionism. His party is non-sectarian, pluralist, and committed to making the Union work. The UKUP's stance has seen the Ulster Unionist Party of David Trimble place a Catholic on its list of candidates for the peace poll. But for Unionists who prefer constitutional to confessional politics the UKUP, Mr McCartney and Dr O'Brien will be an attractive alternative.

Their intervention, and that of a host of other parties who claim to speak for the Unionist majority, has led David Trimble to give warning warn of a "shredding" of the Unionist vote. There is a danger that moderate voices will be marginalised. But, in the longer term, the Unionist embrace of voices such as Conor Cruise O'Brien's — tolerant, intelligent and Catholic — will make it more likely that the greater number in Ulster who believe in the Union will win the stability that the Province needs.

TURKEY IN TROUBLE

Secular forces must combine against the Islamic threat

Turkey is one of the most vital members of the Atlantic alliance, a country whose regional and geostrategic importance to the West has grown considerably since the break-up of the Soviet Union, the fighting in the Balkans and the Gulf War. Yet for the past six months, since general elections in December, the country has been rudderless, unable to form a stable government and beset by the bickerings of politicians.

Yesterday Mesut Yilmaz, the embattled Prime Minister, insisted he would not resign unless his former coalition partners, Tansu Ciller and her True Path Party, were able to make a deal with the opposition Islamists. His defiance was an attempt to rally Turkey's squabbling secular politicians and unite the Centre-Right against the Welfare Party, the largest single block in Parliament, which Necmettin Erbakan, its Islamist leader, insists is on the point of gaining power. Were it to do so, more than 70 years of secular politics would be at risk. Ataturk's legacy, including post-Ottoman Turkey's Western orientation, political moderation and social progress, would be thrown into jeopardy.

Mrs Ciller, fighting corruption charges and resentful of what she regards as betrayal by Mr Yilmaz, with whom she initially formed a coalition, is in no mood to listen. Her party is now flirting with the Islamist opposition; underlining its centre-right views and playing down the deep division over the role of religion in politics. Her tactics are cause for concern, within Turkey and abroad.

The Welfare Party maintains that it is neither fundamentalist nor anti-Western. Such claims need to be examined sceptically. It is true that since the party captured control of Istanbul in local elections, it has not enforced the kind of puritanical regime its opponents prophesied: rather, it has had some success in reforming social services and reducing corruption. Nevertheless, the party's roots go deep into Turkey's past. It draws on a rural, Islamic tradition never completely suppressed by Ataturk, and has been reinforced by young radicals inspired by the example of Islamic activism elsewhere in the Middle East.

A win by the Welfare Party would send a shudder throughout Nato. It would call into question many of the fundamental assumptions that have made Turkey such a steadfast ally. Ankara, under Mr Erbakan, would also certainly renounce the recently signed military co-operation agreement with Israel — an agreement denounced by Mr Erbakan in terms so unpleasant that they verged on outright anti-Semitism. In seeking to strengthen its Islamic identity, Turkey could side with Arab opponents of the Middle East peace process; it might turn a blind eye to Islamic terrorists seeking shelter; and it would probably cease to be the linchpin on which the West's enforcement of the no-fly zone over northern Iraq rests. The future of American bases in Turkey would be less secure, as would Turkish commitments to Nato. And Turkey's relative restraint in its quarrel with Greece would turn to militant bullying.

Alarm would be raised not only in the West. The Turkish armed forces, the guardians of the secular Ataturk legacy, might be tempted to intervene — a dangerous move at a time when Turkey is using its regional power to set an example to Central Asia. Mr Yilmaz is due to meet President Demirel tomorrow. He should tell him that he will resign and set about immediately forming a new and durable coalition with Mrs Ciller. Only by setting aside their personal animosities can they give Turkey the responsible leadership it deserves.

SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS

The Defence Ministry makes a good income from its disposals

Pssst . . . wanna buy a used howitzer? Off the back of an army surplus lorry? Or even the lorry itself? The Ministry of Defence has embarked upon the sale of the century — or at least the second such. The end of the last World War spawned the first big disposal of surplus kit; the end of the Cold War is bidding fair to match it.

Between 1945 and 1950, the Services sold off 885,000 lots over 2,450 selling days: equivalent to a non-stop auction lasting for nearly seven years. Civilians were delighted to bid for Forces gear when so little food, clothing and equipment could be bought on the open market. And the quality of goods issued to servicemen was higher too.

But that soon changed. Army gear became so ill-designed that many soldiers took to buying their own. In the Falklands War, those soldiers who suffered from trench foot looked enviously at their comrades who had bought their boots from camping shops. The Army-issue windcheaters swished, the packs were heavy and the sweaters scratchy. Civilians might from time to time have adopted army surplus gear as a bargain fashion item; but it was not much good at its primary purpose of keeping its occupants warm and dry.

The new kit, called Combat Soldier 95, is now as high-spec as the lurid gear that ramblers and mountaineers sport to irritate country-dwellers. When this hits the army surplus stores, civvies who would rather blend in with their surroundings than advertise their presence will rush to buy it. Meanwhile, however, the huge stock of other gear that was built up during the Cold War to ensure that Britain could fight an instant battle is starting to hit the streets.

Last year the Disposal Sales Agency netted £78.6 million for the taxpayer in job lots ranging from frigates to combat jackets, minesweepers to navy rum. This new executive agency, set up in 1994, appreciates the value of stock that used before to be sold for a pittance. By bringing in private-sector contractors to match buyers with surpluses, the agency managed to make more money for the Ministry of Defence in three days last year than it had in the previous 12 months of auctions.

Usually the running-down of stocks is seen as a sign of recession. In the Ministry of Defence it is a sign of peace. Purists should not sneer at the heavy marketing, complete with certificates signed by General Sir Peter de la Billière, of gold sovereigns issued to special forces in the Gulf War. Of such good husbandry are tax cuts made.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Judges' discretion when sentencing

From Sir Frederick Lawton

Sir, Simon Jenkins is wrong in suggesting (article, May 25) that the cause of the judges' disapproval of the Home Secretary's proposals for automatic life sentences on a second conviction for some violent crimes and minimum ones on a third conviction for domestic burglary and some drug offences is that they see them as an attack on their profession. They do not. They see them as an affront to the justice which is their function and duty to safeguard. They regard themselves as the Queen's delegates to perform the part of her Coronation Oath whereby she undertook "to cause law and justice in mercy to be executed in all [her] judgments".

It may be difficult for those who have not spent their professional lives in the courts to appreciate that those who have really do believe that on the evidence in each case they should identify what justice in mercy requires to be done. This is what matters to them, nothing else.

Were I still a judge it would go against my conscience to sentence an offender, whatever previous convictions he may have had, to life imprisonment for causing grievous bodily harm with intent, an all too common an offence, if the evidence had shown, as it sometimes does, that he had been provoked into a momentary loss of temper.

Nor would I willingly sentence to a minimum of three years' imprisonment a socially inadequate and penniless man who, living in a hostel, had walked into another's room, broken open the gas meter there and stolen the contents. Under the Theft Act 1968 in some circumstances this would amount to domestic burglary.

Thankfully, being in retirement, I shall never have to pass sentences which I believe to be unjust.

Yours truly,
FREDERICK LAWTON,
1 The Village, Skelton, York.
May 25.

From the Home Secretary

Sir, Simon Jenkins makes two errors which invalidate his conclusion.

First, it is quite wrong to suggest that my proposal for an automatic life sentence for repeat sexual or violent offenders is "a straight shift of power" from the judiciary and the Parole Board to Home Office ministers and officials. Home Office ministers and officials will have no role in the new sentence.

The trial judge will set the "tariff" — the minimum period of imprisonment to be served. Near the completion of the tariff, the Parole Board will assess whether the offender still poses a risk to the public. If he does not he will be released; if he does he will not.

In this way the public will be protected from the most serious offenders in a way that simply does not happen now.

Simon Jenkins suggests that the figures in the White Paper for the sentencing of repeat burglars were specially selected to support my proposals. The figures in the White Paper were the most up-to-date then available. Further figures for periods after the 1991 Act had been repealed and figures for earlier periods before the 1991 Act had been implemented show a very similar pattern of sentencing.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HOWARD,
Home Office,
50 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.
May 27.

From Mr Leslie G. Leek

Sir, I believe that, with his unprecedented attack on Michael Howard's policies, the retiring Lord Chief Justice is totally out of step with the vast majority of the public who believe that the law favours the criminal classes and fails to support the law-abiding.

In every community there are individuals who constantly flout the law and are free within hours to commit similar offences, making decent people's lives a misery.

When they are eventually sentenced to derisory terms of imprisonment they have no fear of prison with its lax regime and know that parole, remission and home-leave schemes will very soon see them back on the streets again. Everyone should back the Home Secretary and help us to rid society of persistent criminals.

One thing is sure: criminals cannot harm the rest of us when they are locked up.

Yours etc,
LESLIE G. LEEK,
Trelawney House,
St Ives,
Cornwall TR26 2DE.
May 23.

Rail privatisation

From Mr Martin Walker

Sir, With at least 600,000 private investors applying for shares in Railtrack (report, Business, May 20) surely it is part of our Government's re-election strategy to believe that a significant number of these investors will now vote to protect their new shareholding at the next general election. The wallet is an important consideration for the floating voter.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN WALKER,
6 Bramley Close,
Pill, Bristol, Avon.
May 27.

Europe: the other trading options

From Mr N. J. D. Baptiste

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky ("Economic consequences of the 'war' against Europe", Business, May 23) considers that informed opinion has moved too far towards Euro-scepticism. However, many would draw the opposite conclusion from his diagram showing the relative real exchange rates for five leading countries compared with Britain.

In spite of the huge competitive advantage gained by Britain following the sterling devaluation after leaving the ERM, our total trade (visible and invisible) with the other EU countries showed a deficit of £4.6 billion for 1995. Our total cumulative trade deficit with them since 1973 now stands at around £95 billion.

As a result of the declining growth rate of the continental EU countries, which is likely to fall below 1 per cent on present trends as pre-EMU budget reductions increase, only 44 per cent of our exports now go to the EU, while the last quarter's figures suggest they will fall to less than 10 per cent for the complete year.

The cost of "achieving" such a dire result — for which directors of a plc would have been shown the door by shareholders — was a net contribution to Brussels, after rebates of some £3.5 billion in 1995, plus the loss of national sovereignty over large areas of our national life.

It therefore appears deeply illogical that CBI leaders should consider that there is no alternative to Britain's membership of the EU — especially as two thirds of our industry's investments are overseas while it has spent over £7 billion in the last year in buying more than 100 companies in the US. Trade with the Far East is also rising and profitable.

By contrast, Norway's membership of the European Economic Area provides it with full national sovereignty, low inflation, a substantial trade surplus and the highest growth rate in Europe (4 per cent), while 80 per cent of its exports are sent to EU countries free of trade and tariff barriers.

Unsurprisingly, recent Norwegian opinion polls show that the percentage in favour of staying out of the EU is now 10 per cent higher than it was when the national EU referendum was held. Perhaps Mr Major will draw the logical conclusions.

Yours faithfully,
N. J. D. BAPTISTE,
23 Gladwyn Road, Putney, SW15.
May 23.

From Mr Keith Robinson

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky takes a laudably rational and self-appraising approach in his speculative analysis of the benefits to the UK of monetary union. I agree with him that it would be foolish to rule out the possibility of locking in a permanent competitive advantage over Germany.

However, the economic detail he sketches in is surely part of a much larger and more enduring picture, in which the greater part of the British people are still Little Englanders, willing to continue carving their niche in the world through limited and traditional European co-operation. The same painting depicts the Germans as having, at least in their leaders' European vision, tendencies of domination that we grew out of decades ago.

Given that the rational economic argument is surrounded by these historical inclinations and culture differences, is not the "lock-in" likely to be very short-term? Would not the safer scenario for our national sovereignty and dignity conform with the fuller painting rather than Mr Kaletsky's pencil sketch?

Yours,
KEITH ROBINSON,
The Wilderness,
Littlewick Green,
Maidenhead, Berkshire.
May 23.

Ogoni murders

From Mr Kenneth Kobani

Sir, As the son of one of the four Ogoni leaders for whose murder Mr Saro-Wiwa was executed last November and for which 19 others are still awaiting trial in Nigeria, I was dismayed to read your report of May 15 (see also leading article, May 16).

These men were arrested along with about 400 others and, after several identification parades, were identified by eye-witnesses as participants in the brutal murder of the prominent Ogoni opponents of Ken Saro-Wiwa. They were not arrested for any form of environmental activism, as their wealthy foreign backers would like the world to believe.

I believe that many supporters of Saro-Wiwa have failed to grasp the nature of the campaign he conducted in Ogoniland, in particular how Ogonis were summoned before his kangaroo courts, to be tried and sentenced, many never to be seen again.

But I can also understand why those behind the Saro-Wiwa campaign are not interested in the torture and brutal murder of my father and the three others in broad daylight and the ritualistic dismembering, burning and eating of their remains. These victims were not leisured enough to make regular visits to Europe and America, or rich enough to make expensive, cunningly filmed and edited documentaries to charm gullible liberals in the West.

Such distortions need to be corrected. Peace and reconciliation in Ogoniland will largely depend on the recognition by Saro-Wiwa's supporters that under Nigerian law "human rights activists" or "minority rights campaigners" have no right to take the lives of others.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH KOBANI,
46 Bladon Court, SW16.
May 16.

Millennium priorities

From Mr Ed Hucks

Sir, I was interested by your report of May 15 (see also letters, May 22) on the £170 million proposal to refurbish the South Bank and the hope of a £127 million contribution from the National Lottery.

Earlier that day I had visited a school in Bradford where the education of half the 460 children is carried out in seven "temporary" huts of appalling quality with serious health and safety hazards and little or no security.

This is not an isolated example: there are 500 such huts in use in this area and no doubt many more throughout the country. The Government's capital investment in Bradford as a whole this year is £4.1 million — just 3.2 per cent of the hoped-for lottery money for the South Bank.

As an executive director of a major employer in the city I am deeply concerned at the deprivation our education system has suffered and the long-term effect this will have on our society.

Much has been talked about grants and lottery money for the refurbishment of landmarks in London and the marking of the millennium with other expensive constructions. While recognising the country's need for certain showpieces, surely we also need to examine our priorities as a nation and strike a sensible balance between the essential and the nice to have.

Yours faithfully,
E. HUCKS
(Customer Service Director),
National and Provincial
Building Society,
Provincial House,
Bradford, West Yorkshire.
May 20.

Living wills

From Mr James Bogle

Sir, The effect of making "living wills" legally binding on the medical profession is seldom appreciated (letters, May 3, 10, 16). Doctors would be obliged in many cases to substitute bad clinical practice for good, since they would be compelled by law to follow a prescription signed by a now incapacitated patient, perhaps years earlier, and not what is clinically best for the patient's condition in the present.

This applies equally to the proposed continuing powers of attorney, where a non-medical attorney could oblige the doctor to abandon good clinical practice in the donor-patient's case. Moreover, the attorney would not *ipso facto* be bound by the strict standards of the medical profession or any other.

"Living wills" are not currently binding in law. An advance statement is often very helpful to a doctor, but only the contemporaneous consent or refusal of a patient is binding and "living wills" are, by definition, not contemporaneous. It is important for doctors to be clear on this matter.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES BOGLE,
Hanover Chambers,
Hanover Road,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
May 18.

Iraqi oil sales

From Miss Emma Nicholson, MP for Devon West and Torridge (Liberal Democrat)

Sir, I am very pleased that Iraq has agreed with the UN (report, May 22) a system whereby Iraqi oil can be sold, humanitarian supplies purchased for distribution to the Iraqi people under international supervision, compensation paid to victims of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and help given to the Kurds in northern Iraq.

However, there appears to be no specific agreement to assist the Shia Arabs in the cities around the marsh area of southern Iraq. If this is the case we urge Her Majesty's Government to get help for these people included in the agreement without further delay so that they can be compensated for many of the ills inflicted upon them by the Government of Saddam Hussein.

Yours sincerely,
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(Vice-President),
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3 Whitehall Court, SW1.
May 23.

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No 'safe' choice of milk for babies

From the Executive Director of Friends of the Earth

Sir, Mothers with babies are in a painful dilemma. With cow's milk discounted as an option for feeding babies (reports, May 28) they are forced to choose between breast feeding and baby formula milk — when both are contaminated with chemicals that can mimic hormones and affect the future health of their child.

In the case of breast milk we know that levels of dioxin exceed the World Health Organisation standards by more than ten times. With baby formula milk exposure to phthalates averages between two and three times the precautionary limits set by the EC Scientific Committee on Food. Infants are being exposed at levels of the same order of those known to cause reproductive damage in rats.

Friends of the Earth research has shown a range of food and packaging that is likely to be contaminated with hormone-mimicking chemicals. At the recent Institute of Environmental Health round table on these chemicals there was a remarkable consensus between non-governmental organisations (NGOs), independent scientists and government regulators about the seriousness of the issues. The chemical industry was isolated in their defence of the status quo.

When we are experimenting with the health of our children surely the Government must urgently impose tough regulations on those chemicals that are known to mimic hormones. In some cases this will inevitably mean banning or phasing-out their use, but the short-term inconvenience to the chemical industry would be a small price to pay.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES SECRETT,
Executive Director,
Friends of the Earth,
26-28 Underwood Street, N1.
May 28.

O mores!

From the Duke of Devonshire

Sir, Good manners, consideration and mutual respect are the oils which lubricate the wheels of civilised society and without them we all become brutish and unpleasant.

Publication of the Social Affairs Unit report *Gentility Recalled* (details, May 24; leading article, May 25) serves to highlight the importance of The Polite Society's "Campaign for Courtesy", which is all about protection of the social environment — every bit as important, in my view, as protection of the natural environment.

In an age when it is fashionable to sneer at everything and admire nothing we should not disregard these well understood attributes of "gentlemanly" and "ladylike" behaviour which help us all to be at ease with ourselves and with each other.

Yours faithfully,
DEVONSHIRE
(Patron in Chief,
The Polite Society),
Chatsworth, Bakewell, Derbyshire.
May 24.

Hymns and anthems

From Canon B. L. Barnby

Sir, The lyric of *Jerusalem*, based on the legend that Jesus Christ may once have visited England, was intended for English readers only. The Scots therefore cannot be expected to sing it with sincerity (report, May 17; letters, May 22).

The Church Hymnary of 1927 was intended for Presbyterians in Scotland, England, Ireland and Wales. If the forthcoming edition is for the Kirk alone, *Jerusalem* should not be included. As an Englishman myself, however, I shall always hope to find it in my hymnal for use when folk need stirring up.

Yours etc,
B. L. BARNBY,
7 Holbeck Road,
Scarborough, North Yorkshire.
May 22.

From the Senior Chaplain of Millfield School

Sir, I have always assumed that the "dark satanic mills" in Blake's *Jerusalem* refer to the universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON BLOXAM-ROSE,
Millfield School,
Street, Somerset.
May 22.

Picture puzzle

From Mrs Mary Gueritz

Sir, I cannot have been the only one to look in vain for the cope and mitre said to be adorning the Bishop of Salford in the picture accompanying Valerie Grove's excellent and hopeful interview article today.

Should I have been, as in childhood, joining dots to reveal the hidden outline of the mitre among the overhead blossom, or pencil-shading the blurred background to find the cope?

No wonder His Grace looks anxious!

Yours faithfully,
MARY GUERITZ,
13 Cambrian Road,
Richmond, Surrey.
May 24.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 28: The Duke of Edinburgh, Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, and President, World Wide Fund for Nature - WWF International, left Dyce Airport, Aberdeen, this morning for visits to Geneva, Berne and Zurich, Switzerland, and Gibraltar.

Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Richards is in attendance.

The Baroness Trumpington (Baroness in Waiting) called upon the Governor-General of St Kitts and Nevis at the Copthorne Tara Hotel, Wrights Lane, London W8, this morning and, on behalf of The Queen, welcomed His Excellency on his Arrival in this country.

CLARENCE HOUSE
May 28: Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox has succeeded the Hon Mrs Rhodes as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 28: The Prince of Wales this evening gave a Reception for the Friends of Mount Athos.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 28: The Duke of Gloucester, *Colonel-in-Chief*, The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment, this morning received Lieutenant-Colonel Patrick Davidson-Houston on relinquishing the appointment of Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel Barry Paddison on relinquishing the appointment of Commanding Officer of the 2nd (Volunteer) Battalion.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will attend a reception, given by the Royal School of Church Music at St James's Palace at 6.30.

The Duke of York will visit York to mark the 600th anniversary of the granting of the first charter. He will visit an exhibition of local enterprise in the Guildhall, York, at 10.35; will visit the new One-Step community centre at 11.40; will attend a luncheon reception at the Assembly Rooms at 12.45; will visit the urban regeneration project at Bell Farm Housing Estate, at 2.15; *and will attend a dinner at* Merchant Adventurers' Hall at 7.30.

The Princess Royal as President of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, *will attend President's* Day at the Moredon Foundation, Pentlands Science Park, Bush Estate, Penicuik, at 9.45; and will open the display by Henry Poole & Company in the Textile and Dress Department, Victoria and Albert Museum at 7.00.

Princess Margaret will visit the Horse Rangers Association at their headquarters at the Royal Mews, Hampton Court Palace, at 2.30.

Cambridge

Selwyn College
Elected into School Teacher Bye-Fellowships for Easter Term 1997: Martina Cibis, of the Sheffield College; Graham Seel, of Manchester Grammar School.

Dinner

Coachmakers and Coach Harness Makers
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, received the guests at a dinner given by the *Master,* Wardens and members of the Livery of the Coachmakers and *Coach Harness Makers' Company* last night at the Mansion House. Mr Peter Sparks, Master, presided. Mr James Smillie, Senior Warden, and Sir Rodney Sweetnam, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, also spoke.

Fruiterers' Company

Lieutenant-Colonel L.G. French has been appointed Clerk to the Fruiterers' Company on the retirement of Commander M.T.H. Styles, RN.

Gardeners' Company

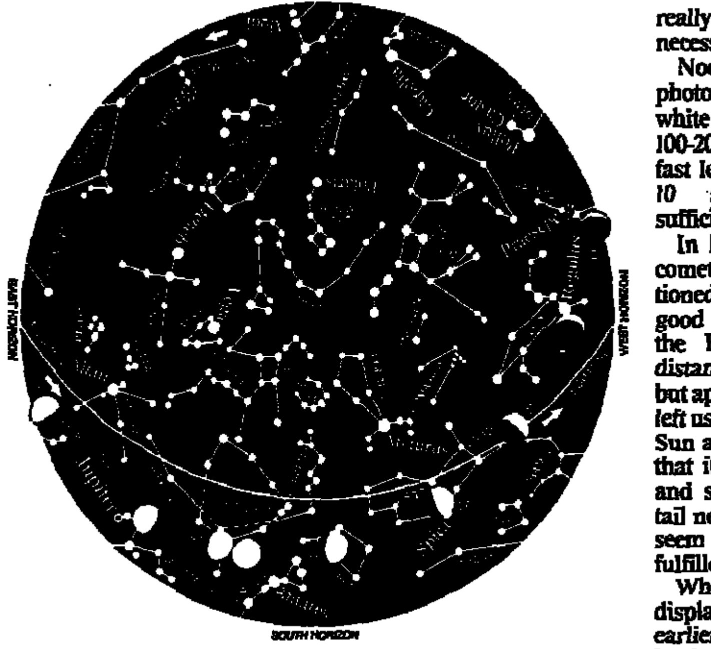
The following were elected officers of the Gardeners' Company for the ensuing *year at a Court Meeting* held yesterday : Master, Mr I.B. Flanagan; Upper Warden, Mr R.P. Franklin; Renter Warden, Mr J.F. Palmer. Later the Fairchild Lecture was delivered by Prebendary Peter Delaney, Honorary Chaplain, at the Annual Guild service at St Giles, Cripplegate.

Birthdays today

Mr Colin Amery, architectural writer and historian, 52; Mr Michael Berkeley, composer and broadcaster, 48; Sir Douglas Black, physician, 83; Sir Christopher Bland, chairman of the Board of Governors, BBC, 58; Sir Kenneth Couzens, former chairman, Coal Products, 71; Mr Quentin Davies, MP, 52; Sir Jeremy Elwes, chairman, St Helier National Health Service Trust, 59; Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, 51; Lieutenant-General Sir Martin Garrod, 61; Sir Anthony Grant, MP, 71; Miss Linda Esther Gray, opera singer, 48; Mrs Patricia Harris, former central president, The Mothers' Union, 57; Sir Robin Haydon, diplomat, 76; *Sir John Herbecq, civil servant,* 74; Sir Trevor Holdsworth, former chairman, National Power, 69; Mr Bob Hope, comedian, 93; Mr David Jenkins, former librarian, National Library of Wales, 84; Mr Ukyo Katayama, racing driver, 33; Professor Robert Knox, bacteriologist, 92; Mr Alan Langlands, chief executive, NHS management executive, 44; Sir James Marjoribanks, diplomat, 85; the Earl of Morley, 73; Miss Nanette Newman, actress, 57; Mr Terry Pavey, former Editor, *TV Times*, 53; Mr Martin Pipe, racehorse trainer, 51; Lord Rankeillour, 61; Mr Francis Rossi, rock singer and guitarist, 47; Mr Alwin Schockemöhle, showjumper, *59; Mr Carl Toms, stage designer,* 69; Professor R.L. Wain, agricultural scientist, 85; the Earl of Wilton, 75; General Sir Richard Worsley, 72.

The sky at night in June

By Michael J Hendrie
Astronomy Correspondent



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from *the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are* later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

MERCURY is a morning star but rises no more than an *hour before the Sun and will* not be visible, despite being at greatest western elongation (24 degrees) on the 10th.

Venus begins June as a -4.2 magnitude *evening star,* setting only an hour after the Sun *on the* 1st. It passes through inferior conjunction on *the 10th* and then reappears in the morning sky rising more than an hour before the Sun by the 30th.

Mars' rises less than two hours before the Sun and is still in bright twilight as it *moves eastwards through* Aries into Taurus.

Jupiter is -2.6 magnitude, low in the southern sky for *much of the night,* among the stars of Sagittarius. Moon to the north on the 3rd-4th.

Saturn rises by 21h in late June, passing slowly from Pisces into Cetus. Moon to the north on the 9th.

Uranus is in Capricornus rising about sunset by the end of the month. Moon to the north on the 5th-6th.

Neptune is in Sagittarius rising a little before Uranus.

Moon: full Moon 1d 21h; last quarter 8d 11h; new Moon 16d 02h; first quarter 24d 05h.

Earth: the summer solstice is on 21d 02h.

Sunset on the 1st 20h 10m and on the 30th at 20h 25m while sunrise is at 03h 50m and *03h 45m on the same dates.*

Astronomical twilight lasts *all night in June. One* phenomenon visible from much of the British Isles *for a few* weeks only, around the time of the summer solstice, is that of noctilucent clouds. They occur at high latitudes and at heights of about 80 km (50 miles) while most ordinary cloud is below 15 km. If visible at all, they will be low in the northern sky.

There were good displays on June 2, 1994, and in 1995, *visible from as far south as* the English Channel coast. On *clear evenings watch to the* NNW well after sunset when *any lower cloud will be seen* black against the twilight sky. If noctilucent cloud is present it will appear bright as it is still lit by the Sun, from below our northern horizon. During the night the clouds may move round towards the NNE.

The clouds, usually silvery or bluish-white, can be bright enough to be readily noticeable. They often form little lanes of cloudlets, a lattice pattern of cirris-like wisps. *Being only a few degrees* above the horizon, one needs *a clear northern skyline but a* really *dark site* is not necessary.

Noctilucent clouds can be photographed on black and white or colour film and with 100-200 ASA film speed and a fast lens (f/2) an exposure of *10 seconds* should be sufficient.

In May the first results of comet Hyakutake were mentioned. The comet gave a very good showing as it sped by the Earth at a minimum *distance of only 15 million km* but appears to have faded as it left us despite closing with the Sun at the same time. Hopes that it would brighten again and show an extensive dust tail near perihelion on May 1 seem not to have been fulfilled.

While giving us a fine display and rivalling many *earlier bright comets, its* behaviour still suggests an average comet *made spectacular* by its closeness to us rather than the unusually large one as some predicted. Early radar results from the United States give 1 to 3 km for the size of the nucleus compared to 15 by 8 km for Halley's comet. The Hubble Space Telescope was unable to resolve the nucleus, which supports the case for its small size. The comet showed activity seen until now only in large comets but then few fainter comets have been closely observed. The comet seems to have been more active than Halley, releasing more gas. As Hyakutake will not be back for 16,000 years it may *perhaps still hold more of the* volatile ices that Halley has *lost during its returns to the vicinity of the* Sun every 75 years.

When *the comet was* visible from mid-northern latitudes, the appearance of *the tail* was consistent with it being mainly due to ionised gases. Long, straight, only slightly diverging, streaky tails are plasma features. *Many observers* commented on the bluish or greenish tinge of Hyakutake, again confirming that reflected sunlight from *dust* particles was *adding* little to the brightness. Comets rich in *dust usually appear yellowish* having broader tails.

It was cloudy *in the south* and east of the British Isles when the comet was at its brightest about March 25. Then near the zenith and above the horizon all night it reached 0 to -1 magnitude *with a head at least twice* the size of the Moon. In dark skies *tail lengths exceeded* 40 degrees. In early April the Moon was again *a problem,* making the head appear fainter and shortening the visible tail. By April 20 in darker skies the comet was about 1.5 magnitude but tail lengths over 50 degrees were being reported from abroad. The comet was then in twilight here and soon to move into the southern hemisphere.

We do not know if all comets have the same structure and composition. Hyakutake may contain gases more frequent visitors have lost or there may be more than one kind of comet. The analysis of the comet *Hyakutake observations may* throw some light on the *matter.*

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr A.J. Barraclough
and Miss L.K. Appleton**
The *engagement* is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs J.M. Barraclough, of Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire, and Lucy, daughter of *Jane Scovell, of* New York City, and of Dr William S. Appleton, of Cambridge, Massachussets.

**Captain C.E. Coode
and Miss G.S.D. Moore**
The engagement is announced between Captain Charles Edward Coode, Army Air Corps, younger son of Mr and Mrs Bryan Coode, of Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, and Gabrielle Sophie Diana, second daughter of Mr and Mrs John Moore, of Ringwood, Hampshire.

Marriage

**Dr C. Fink
and Miss L. Butler**
The marriage of Dr Colin Fink, son of Mr and Mrs B. Fink, of Pinner, Middlesex, and Miss Lucilla Butler, FRCOphth, *daughter of the late Dr Lionel Butler and* of Mrs Butler, *of Englefield Green,* Surrey, took place on May 23, at Le *Manoir aux Quat' Saisons,* Great Milton, Oxford.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Philip Allin, Team Rector, Hermitage, Cold Ashton and the Pang Villages (Oxford): to be Chaplain to former members of the Nine o'clock Service (Sheffield).
The Rev Evelyne Atherfold, Assistant Curate (NSM), Fishlake: to be Chaplain to *HM Young Offenders* Institution, Hatfield (Sheffield.
The Rev David Austerberry, Rector, Kinnerley w Melverley and *Knockin w Maesbrook (Lichfield):* to be *also* a Prebendary of Lichfield *Cathedral.*
The Rev Dr Colin Beevers, Priest-*in-charge,* St Michael, Bockleton; St Andrew, Leysters; St James the Great, Kimbolton w Hamnish; St Mary the Virgin, Middleton-on-the-Hill: to be Priest-in-charge, St Michael, Ledbury; St John the Baptist, Eastnor; St Michael and All Angels, Little Marcle; St Bartholomew, Much Marcle, All Saints, Yatton (Hereford).
The Rev Francis Buxton, Team Rector, Short Heath Team Parish, Willenhall (Lichfield); to be Chaplaincy Team Leader (whole time), Queen Elizabeth Hospital, *Birmingham (Birmingham).*

Resignations and retirements
The Rev John Bailey, whole-time Health Care Chaplain to South Warwickshire Mental Health Services NHS Trust (Coventry): to retire June 1.
The Rev Doug Farnham, Rector, Aldingbourne, Barnham and Eastergate (Chichester): to retire *May 29.*
The Rev Albert Ginno, Vicar, Westham (Chichester): to retire June 11.
The Rev Canon John Graty, Vicar, Abbey Church of St Mary, Nuneaton and an Honorary Canon of Coventry Cathedral (Coventry): to *retire end of May.*
The Rev Canon Eric Hoskin, Rector, *Easington w Liverton* (York): to retire August 31.
The Rev Derek James, Vicar, Christ Church, Gosport (Portsmouth): to retire August 31.
The Rev Brian King, Vicar, St Elisabeth, Eastbourne (Chichester): to retire May 31.
The Rev Robert Mighall, Vicar, Kineton and Combroke w Compton Verney (Coventry): retired at the end of April.
The Rev Canon Bill Peters, Rector, Uckfield (Chichester): to retire August 31.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King Charles II, reigned 1660-85, London, 1630; William Dodd, forger, Bourn, Lincolnshire, *1729;* Isaac Albéniz, composer, Camprodón, Spain, 1860; G.K. Chesterton, writer, *London, 1874;* T.H. White, novelist, Bombay, *1906;* Tenzing Norgay, Himalayan climber, 1914; John Fitzgerald Kennedy, *35th American President* 1961-63, Brookline, Massachusetts, 1917.

DEATHS: David Beaton, cardinal, murdered, St Andrew's Castle, Fife, 1546; John Penry, Puritan *writer and martyr,* executed, St Thomas a Watering, Surrey, 1593; *Sir Humphry Davy, inventor of* the miner's safety lamp, Geneva, *1829; William Henry Pyne, (Ephraim* Hardcastle), painter and author, London, 1843; Julius von Sachs, botanist, Würzburg, Germany, 1897; Mili Balakirev, composer, St Petersburg, 1910; Sir William Gilbert, librettist, London, 1911; John Barrymore, actor, Hollywood, 1942; Fanny Brice, comedienne and singer, Los Angeles, 1951; Juan Ramon Jiménez, poet, Nobel laureate 1956, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1958; John Gunther, journalist, New York, 1970; Mary Pickford, actress, Santa Monica, California, 1979.

The monarchy was restored in England, 1660.

Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay reached the summit of Mount Everest, 1953.

Forty-one spectators died, and more than 350 were injured, when Liverpool and Juventus fans rioted, Heysel Stadium, Belgium, 1985.

University news

Queen's University of Belfast

Recent grants include:

School of Agriculture and Food Science
Applied Plant Science
Dr A E Brown, £154,545 over three years, European Union, Development of *diagnostic* methods and a rapid field kit for monitoring Monilinia rot of stone and pome fruit especially M Fructicola.
Dr S S MacAnt-Soir, £112,195 over three years, European Union, *Developing somatic embryogenesis* as a tool for spruce tree *improvement.*
Veterinary Science
Dr D Todd, £287,783 over three years, European Union, Fish pancreas disease.
Dr F Menzies, £59,420 over two years, European Union: Aquafact, Salmon farm epidemiology.

School of Clinical Medicine
Ophthalmology
Dr U Chakravarthy, £82,679 over three years, Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, Microvascular disease susceptibility in diabetes and polymorphisms in genes encoding vasoactive agents.
Orthopaedic Surgery
Dr W G Kernohan, £113,821 over two years two months, European Union: Telematics, Development of a European Service for Information on Research and Education.

School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Electrical Engineering
Professor V F Fusco, £171,762 over three years, Engineering and Physical Science Research Council, Micromachined active antennae.

School of Mathematics and Physics
Dr P Dawson, £190,841 over three years, Engineering and *Physical* Science Research Council, Optical tunnelling at 80k in applied and fundamental studies of PTS1 and YBCO.
Dr D Riley, £128,752 over three years, Engineering and Physical *Science Research Council,* Experimental investigation of X-ray *scattering in dense plasmas.*

School of Mechanical and Process *Engineering*
Aeronautical Engineering
Professor S R Ragunathan, £196,724 over three years, *Engineering and Physical Science* Research Council, Simultaneous optimisation of the aerodynamic and manufacturing tolerances of aircraft structure.
Chemical Engineering
Dr G M P McNally, £198,256 over three years, Industrial Research and Technology Unit of the Department of Economic Development (under the RTD networking programme), Development of low-cost, low permeation automotive fuel lines.

School of Pharmacy
Professor J C McElnay, £57,800 over three years, Northern Pharmacies, Improving the well-being of elderly patients.

School of Philosophical and Anthropological Studies
Social Anthropology
Professor P J Bowler, £99,736 over four years, Wellcome Trust, Bodies, minds and the new Physics: *Physico-Medical* models of the Victorian body.

Questor Centre
Professor W J Swindall, £2,738,366 over four years, European Regional Development Fund, Extension of the Questor Centre to develop clean technology and *demonstration technology.*
Professor W J Swindall, £1,056,365 over *four* years, International Fund for Ireland, To develop an *interdisciplinary outreach technical assistance programme* to facilitiate *technology transfer* of Questor Research to SMEs.

School of Agriculture and Food Science and School of Chemistry
Dr A Douglas, £169,692 over three years, Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, Study of inhibitors of Bovine Viral Diarrhoea Virus Portease p80.

School of Electrical Engineering & *Computer Science and School of* Mathematics & Physics
Professor H S Gamble, £117,416, Industrial Research and Technology Unit of the Department of Economic Development (under the RTD networking programme), Science and Technology Project; £108,160, Seagate, Science and Technology Project.
Dr R Atkinson, £182,525 over two years, Industrial Research and Technology Unit of the Department of Economic Development (under the RTD networking *programme),* Science and Technology Project.

Latest wills

Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk, LG, of Arundel, West Sussex, Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex 1975-90, the first non-royal woman appointed to the Order of the Garter, and widow of the 16th Duke of Norfolk, left estate valued at £4,050,712 net.
She left £100,000 to her charitable trust, established by deed dated January 24, 1964, and the remainder of her estate mostly to her four daughters.

Miss Priscilla Margaret **Jones**, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £3,098,929 net.
She left her four Georgian candlesticks to the National Trust, £500 and a framed miniature to personal legatees, and the residue to her parents or the survivor of them, or if they predeceased her half the residue to the National Trust, 3/10ths of the residue to St Albans Cathedral, and 1/10th of the residue each to the British Diabetic Association and Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen.

The 13th Earl of Cork and Orrery, of Heyshott, Midhurst, West Sussex, *former Deputy Chairman* of Committees, House of Lords, left unsettled estate valued at £67,441 net.

Mr Eric James **Feltham**, of Kew, Surrey, left estate valued at £641,682 net.
He left his home to a personal legatee, and the residue to the *Cancer Research Campaign.*

Other estates include, net before tax:
Hilda Nelly Gertrude **Alexander**, of London NW1............£661,096.
Mr Leslie **Bramwell**, of Gosforth, Tyne and Wear............£802,186.
Mr Evan Kendrick **Edwards**, of Shrewsbury, Salop, retired company director............£1,666,258.

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As a young man weds a maiden, so will you be wedded to him who rebuilds you, and as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so will your God rejoice over you.
Isaiah 62 : 5 (REB).

BIRTHS

ASHER - On May 22nd at The Portland Hospital, to Carole and Robert Asher, a beautiful son, Harris Patrick.

BERTHOUD - On May 18th, to Clare (née Says-Phillips) and Charlton, a son, Nicholas Michael.

BLAND - On May 18th 1996 at The Portland Hospital, to Becky (née Owen) and Simon, a gift of a beautiful son, Hugo Francis Gerard. Always remembering his brother Felix. Deo Gratias.

BRENT - On 26th May, to Daniel and Nina (née Osborne-Taylor), a second beautiful daughter, Ruby Elena, a sister for Scarlett.

BUCHANAN - On 22nd May, to Judy (née Crossley) and Charles, a son, Hugo Charles Scouler, a brother for Hamish and Thomas.

BYROM - To Stephen and Donna (née Thornal) a daughter, Phillipa Olivia Thornal, born May 10th 1996 in Mt. Elizabeth Hospital, Singapore: Granddaughter of Cdr. & Mrs. R.J. Byrom, R.N., of Rowlands Castle, Hampshire, and Capt & Mrs. R. Thornal of Miami Beach, Florida.

DERMAN - On May 23rd 1996, to Laurel (née Peters) and David, a daughter, Anna Evelyn.

EVANS-FLAGG - On 22nd May at The Portland Hospital a little treasure for Roz and Paul and a tiny sister for India. Charlotte Natasha 7lbs 7oz.

FOWLER-WATT - On May 27th 1996, to Karen and Duncan, our first child, a beautiful daughter, Laura Constance.

FREEMAN - On May 23rd, to Polly (née Ball) and Q. a daughter, Iona Mary Ethil.

HALL - On May 26th 1996, to Lisa (née MacLeod) and Timothy, a son, Louis Alexander Dalton, a brother for William and Zinnia.

HASLER - On May 21st, to Victoria (née Ward) and William, a son, Benjamin Oscar, a playmate for Jack.

HOOPER - On May 23rd 1996, to Catherine (née Milne) and Timothy, a son, Patrick Milne, a brother for Michael and Joseph.

HORROCKS-TAYLOR - On May 17th, to Claire (née Cuthbert-Smith) and Michael, a son, Joseph Peter.

KITAHARA - On May 19th 1996 at The Portland Hospital to Julie and Kenneth an absolutely radiant and gorgeous daughter Summer Claire, born at 9:38 am.

LINDSAY-STEWART - On 24th May 1996 at the West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth, to Jane (née Gordon) and Neil, a son, William Alexander.

LUDDINGTON - On Wednesday 8th May 1996, to Andrew and Miranda, a daughter, Sophie Caroline.

LYWOOD - On Monday 6th May 1996, to Rupert and Elizabeth, a son, Archie Rupert Gifford, a brother for Toby and Charlie.

MASSEY - On 18th May, to Deborah (née Allen) and Sean, a son, George Montgomery, a brother for Alice.

MORRIS - On 22nd May 1996 at the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital, to Jane (née Boynton) and Richard, a handsome son, Jack Hamilton, a brother for Amy.

NORMAN - On May 26th, to Nigel and Juliet (née Baxendale), a son, Mark, a brother for Antony.

PLUNKET-CHECKEMIAN - To James and Caroline (née Powers) on 26th May, a daughter, Georgia Harriette Suzanne.

PRATT - On May 26th 1996, to Julia and Nick, a son, Henry, a brother to Catherine and Rebecca.

REEVE-TUCKER - On May 26th, to Nicky (née Dyas) and Mike, a daughter, Imogen, a sister for Alexander and Olivia.

ROBERTS DUNN - On 26th May, to Rachel (née Allen) and John, a daughter, Alice Myrtle.

RUCK KEENE - On May 23rd, to Laura and Jonathan, a daughter, Daisy, a sister for Olivia and Toby.

SCRIMGEOUR - On March 11th, to Michelle and Andrew, a beautiful daughter, Rhiannon Suzanne.

SKAILES - On May 24th 1996 at The Portland Hospital, to Alex (née Howells) and Duncan, a son, Oliver, a brother for Toby.

ST GEORGE HEDLEY - On 25th May to Alice and James, a daughter, Hermione, at the Gronwen, Pen-y-lan.

TICKLE - On May 25th 1996, to Sophie (née Rathbone) and Robin, a daughter, Hannah Rebecca Catherine.

TREPESS - On May 28th, to Ilona (née Gozzionyi) and Pickard, a daughter (Beatrice Ilona).

VERNON - On 26th May, to William and Emma (née S-Trelawny), a daughter, Elizabeth Laetitia Trelawny.

MARRIAGES

BEAULIEU:CATTON - The marriage of Professor Micheline Beaulieu and David Catton took place in St Albans on Friday, 24th May 1996.

ANNIVERSARIES

MORGAN - On 29th May 1995, David and Jayne. Congratulations on your Paper Wedding Anniversary. In Canada we are all missing you. Hand delivered by Betty.

DEATHS

ADAMS - On 25th May 1996, peacefully at The Priory *Nursing Home, Horsley,* Hervey Cadwallader Adams FRSA. Beloved husband of the late Iris Adams and loving father of Bruce and John and proud grandfather and great-grandfather. Private cremation. Requiem Mass at Woodchester Priory, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire on Wednesday 19th June 1996 at 3 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to London Association for the Blind c/o Philip Ford & Son, Funeral Directors, Dirleton House, Cainscross Road, Stroud, Glos.

BOLTON-CLARK - Ethna Patricia (née Sheridan Co. Westmeath). Peacefully in Trevaylor Manor Nursing Home Penzance on 24th May aged 81. Beloved wife of Leonard and mother of John. Funeral 29th May at Church of Immaculate Conception at 10 am. No flowers. Donations Macmillan Cancer Fund.

BOSTOCK - James Forrester peacefully at home aged 93 on Monday 27th May, beloved father of Annabel and special grandfather to Rory, Dominic and Sophie. Funeral Service at St Mary and All Saints Church, Bradley, Staffordshire, on Monday 3rd June at 2.30pm. Flowers *welcome* or donations to the Hunt Servants' Benevolent Society c/o William Emery, F/D, 13 County Road, Stafford.

BOURNE-ARTON - On May 28th peacefully at home aged 85 years, Anthony Bourne-Arton M.B.E., *of* West Tanfield, Ripon, N. Yorks. Beloved husband, for 57 years, of Elaine, loving father of Caroline, Christopher, Hilary and Simon and a dear father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather. A Service of Thanksgiving will take place at St Nicholas Church, West Tanfield, on Friday May 31st at 2 pm. No flowers please.

CARRUTHERS - Ian Douglas, Professor of Agrarian Development at Wye College (London University), on May 24th after a short illness. Funeral service at Wye Church, 10 am May 30th, followed by cremation at Barham, 12.00. No flowers: donations to Amnesty International, 99 Rosebery Avenue, London EC1R 4RE.

COKE-SMYTH - Yolande. Peacefully on May 27th. Beloved wife of John and mother of Jeremy, Jonathan, Sara, Charlotte and Miranda. Funeral at St Mary's, Oatlands 11.30 am 31st May. Enquiries F.W. Chitty & Co. (01932) 254255.

CROOK - John Michael (Mike) peacefully in hospital. Beloved brother of Bridget Scarlett and the late March Williams and much loved uncle and friend. Funeral *Friday 31st May.* Service Hastings Crematorium Chapel 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to the R.N.L.I. c/o Hinkley Funeral Service, 50 Mount Pleasant Road, Hastings, (01424) 722461.

DOUGLAS-HOME - Lady Margaret died peacefully on Sunday 26th May, 1996. Funeral to be held Friday 31st May, 12.30pm at Westgate Church, Burnham Market. All friends welcome. Family flowers only, cut please. Donations to Westgate Restoration Fund.

DUTTON - Pauline Stewart died peacefully on May 24th in Hereford. Wife of the late Hon. George Edward Dutton of Sherborne and mother of Charles. The funeral service will be held at Hereford Crematorium on Thursday June 6th at 11 am. No flowers please. Donations if desired to the R.S.P.C.A. may be sent to Colin D. Quinney, Abbotsfield Funeral Directors, Monkmoor Street, *Hereford.* tel: (01432) 356445.

GOLDSMID - Virginia (Ginny) on 24th May at her beloved home, *much loved* wife of the late John, adored mother of Miranda and Nick, treasured grandmother to Emma, Olivia, Rebecca, Harry and Clare. Thanksgiving Service at St Bartholomew's Chapel, Goring Heath at 2 pm on Friday 31st May 1996. Flowers, or, if preferred, donations to Sue Ryder Home, Nettlebed, c/o A.B. Walker and Son Ltd., 36 Eldon Road, Reading RG1 4DL.

GREEN - Victoire peacefully, after a long illness, on 27th May in Paris. Dearly beloved daughter of Francoise Green and mother of Margaux-Juliette. Funeral private. 21 Avenue Mozart, Paris 75016.

HACKING - David Melville Hacking O.B.E. peacefully at home on May 26th 1996. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Service *of* Thanksgiving at St Luke's, Milland, on Saturday June 1st 1996 at 10.30 am.

HORN - On May 27th Charles of Burford, dearly loved husband of the late Ruth and father of Carol. Funeral Service to take place at St John the Baptist, Burford, on Monday June 3rd at 2 pm. All enquiries to E. Taylor & Son, Carterton, tel: (01993) 842421.

JENKINS - On May 25th 1996 suddenly at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, Ronald Merlin Jenkins OBE., B.A., dearly loved husband of Louise and greatly loved father and grandfather. *Funeral Service Oxford* Crematorium on Tuesday June 4th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired for the British Heart Foundation c/o Edward Carter, 107 South Avenue, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 1QS.

JOSS - On 23rd May, peacefully at the Ridgeway Nursing Home, Radlett, Sheila Mary, dearly loved widow of Dennis and mother of Tim. Service of Thanksgiving at Christchurch, Radlett on Tuesday, 4th June at 12.15pm following family Cremation. Donations to the British Lung Foundation, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1 8JR.

KERR-WALLER - At Kingston Hospital on 26th May Rusi (Kerry) Kerr-Waller, dearly loved husband of Elizabeth. Funeral Service on Friday 31st May at 3.30 pm Kingston Crematorium. No flowers please. Donations if desired to the Alzheimer's Association.

LINDSEY-CLARK - Paul Blandford, peacefully on 25th May after a short illness. Loving husband of Audrey, *who died in July* 1994, he will be greatly missed by his four sons and his beloved granddaughter. Known as Paul Clark to many friends from his long years with Lloyds Bank. The funeral will be held at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Hertford, on Monday 3rd June at 10 am.

LISOWSKI - Jerzy died peacefully at home on 24th May 1996. Funeral to be held Friday 31st May 1 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon. No flowers. Donations may be given to Friends of Poland, St Vincent's, Carlisle Place, SW1P 1NL.

LITTLE - Jean Talbot Byford on May 28th 1996 in South Africa aged 79, dearest wife of James, greatly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral in Orange Grove on Thursday 30th May.

LLOYD - Tragically on 27th *May aged 47,* after a brief but brave battle against an incurable cancer, Christabel Juliet Anne (née Harrison-Allen) - always known as Doodie. Hugely loved wife of Tom, mother of Matthew and Kitty and brother of Hugh. Funeral Monday 3rd June at 2.30 pm at Carew Cheriton Church, Pembrokeshire followed by private interment. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Jeffreyston V.C. School c/o The Headmistress, Cresselly, Kilgetty, Pembs. SA68 0SP.

LOEWY - Eric of Henley, peacefully *on 23rd May* 1996. Beloved husband of Patricia, much loved father *of Christina,* Elizabeth, Caroline and Oliver, loving grandfather of Dominic and Benedict. Always proud to be a consulting Civil Engineer, mountaineer and "Peanuts" devotee, he was a good friend and mentor to many around the world. *Funeral* for family, followed by Thanksgiving Service later to which all friends are welcome. Donations to Sue Ryder Home, Nettlebed, Oxon, greatly appreciated.

MARGADALE OF ISLAY - John Granville Morrison, 1st Baron on 25th May peacefully in his 90th year. Funeral private. Memorial Service to be announced.

McGUINNESS - Margaret (née McCauley) died 23rd May aged 84, widow of John, mother of Theresa and Kevin and grandmother of Anne-Marie, Nicholas and Christopher. Requiem Mass 11.30 am Friday 31st May at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Rickmansworth. Flowers to Funeral Directors M.K. Ginder, 172 St Albans Road, Watford.

MENCE - Patricia, peacefully on Friday 24th May at Strawberry Hill Nursing Home. Wife of the late John Mence and much loved mother of Peter. Funeral at 12 noon on 4th June at St Mary's, *Long Ditton, Surrey.* Family flowers only, but any donations to charity.

NORTON - Reginald Francis. Aged 81. Died peacefully at home on May 24th. His wife, Clare, and children, Tony, Deborah, Andrew and Giles, invite his friends to a celebration of his life at *Worcester Friends Meeting* House on June 5th at 3 pm. Please remember Reg, not with flowers, but if you wish with a donation to Water Aid, or St Richard's Hospice, Worcester.

NUNNERLEY - Alice Jessie, beloved wife of the late Charles Nunnerley and much loved mother and gran to her family, went quickly to be with her Lord and Saviour on Monday 27th May. Thanksgiving Service at Stirling Baptist Church 11am Friday 31st May. No flowers please but gifts to be shared between Scripture Union (Scotland) and Town Break (Stirling) tel: (01786) 464722.

PEARKES - Peacefully on May 26th at her home in Devon, Mavis (Mary), wife of the late John and mother of Timothy, Andrew, Nicholas and the late Gillian. Funeral Service at The Exeter and Devon *Crematorium* on Monday June 3rd at 3.15pm. No flowers please, but *donations if desired for* The Marie Curie Foundation c/o A. White & Sons, Peoples Park Road, Crediton, Devon.

PERCEVAL - On May 23rd 1996 suddenly in London Dr. Philip Edward Perceval MD aged 81 years. Beloved husband of the late Joan and much loved father of Liz. Funeral Service at Shrewsbury Crematorium on Thursday June 6th at 12 noon. No flowers. Donations if desired to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital *Coronary Care Unit.* Enquiries tel: 01743 344646.

ROBERTS - On 26th May peacefully after a short illness James aged 82 years of Cuckfield, Sussex (formerly of Midland Bank Northern and Southern Divisions), *dearly loved* husband of Susan, much loved father of Paul and David. Funeral *on Monday* 3rd June at Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations preferred payable to St Catherines Hospice c/o P & S Gallagher, Fraser House, Triangle Road, *Haywards Heath,* Sussex RH16 4HW, tel: (01444) 451166.

ROTHWELL - Group Captain Freddie Rothwell DFC CBE on May 26th peacefully in hospital after a long illness bravely borne. *Greatly* missed by all his family. Funeral and Thanksgiving *Service to be held on Friday* May 31st 3 pm Clare Parish Church. No flowers. Donations if desired to Clare Church Restoration Appeal c/o Martin Funeral Directors, Stoke Road, Clare, Suffolk.

SILVERTHORNE - Mary Alanna, beloved wife of Paul, and mother of Lucy Thomas. Died peacefully in hospital 23rd May 1996. Funeral at Tetbury Parish Church, Gloucestershire 1st June at *3 pm. Flowers* to Kenyon's, 74 Rochester Row, London SW1 by *4.30pm Friday.*

SIMS - On May 25th 1996 peacefully in her 99th year, Eva *of Upton St Leonards,* Gloucestershire, widow of Charles Sims and dear mother of Monica. Funeral at Upton St Leonards Parish Church on Monday June 3rd at 11.45 am, Family flowers only, or donations if desired payable to the Camphill Village Trust may be sent to Ernest Cocks & Sons Funeral Service, 49/51 Seymour Road, Gloucester GL1 5PS.

STEVENSON - On Saturday 25th May 1996 3 days before her 82nd birthday suddenly and without pain in Oxford, Diana Stevenson. Loving wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Hammersmith W6, 12 noon on *Friday 31st May.* Enquiries and flowers to W.S. Bond, Funeral Directors, 127 High Road, Chiswick, tel: (0181) 994-0277 or donations to S.S.A.F.A.

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OBITUARIES

LORD MARGADALE

Lord Margadale, Conservative MP for Salisbury, 1942-64, and chairman of the 1922 Committee, 1955-64, died on May 25 aged 89. He was born on December 16, 1906.

LORD MARGADALE, who sat for more than thirty years in the Commons as Major John Morrison, was a key figure in the Conservative Party through the reigns of three party leaders — Anthony Eden, Harold Macmillan and Alec Douglas-Home. As chairman of the 1922 Committee of Tory backbenchers for nine years, he had the responsibility of steadying difficult people in the ranks, taking the party temperature and then telling successive Prime Ministers to what extent their policies were acceptable to the party in Parliament. He had the confidence of both ministers and backbenchers. It helped enormously, of course, to be totally unambitious. Office he did not want. Money he did not need. His shrewd ancestors had left him plenty of that.

One former Prime Minister said of him: "He was that rare person, a wise man. If he told you a certain minister had lost the confidence of the party, you hesitated. Nobody likes sacking people. But he would be proved right by subsequent events." Another said: "He knew what the Conservative Party in the country would stand for and he was never ambiguous about it. Sometimes what he reported to me I did not like but there was no question of it being other than accurate."

He relied for his information on what he called "people who knew what they were talking about". He did not read books. Newspapers got little more than a cursory glance at the main headlines, a brief look at the deaths column and then a protracted study of the racing pages. In this sense of priorities he certainly reflected the contemporary image of a Tory "knight of the shires" — though Morrison himself never accepted a knighthood.

As a background heavyweight politician he did not lack critics. The years of his influence were for the Conservative Party among the toughest this century. First, there was the Suez adventure when Anthony Eden as Prime Minister tried by force to take the Suez Canal back from Nasser. The subsequent abrupt withdrawal of British troops bewildered the party. Eden's three-week absence in the West Indies in an effort to repair his shattered health did not help. Then there was the 1957 battle for the succession with the surprise choice — at least as far as the country was concerned — of Harold Macmillan over Rab Butler.

In 1963 renewed succession trouble erupted out in the worst circumstances of all for the Tories, the bearpit of a party conference at Blackpool. Macmillan sent a letter saying that he was resigning for health reasons. Pandemonium broke out. Hats were being thrown into the ring. Uneasiness filled the air. Tory leaders were still at the time evolving from what Iain Macleod called "the magic circle". The result on this occasion was so messy that it was resolved that what were then known as "the customary processes of consultation" must never be used again.

Such a public spectacle was anathema to Morrison, who had his own way of doing things. Late every Sunday afternoon he would retire to his study for hours, and telephone influential backbenchers. The conversation always followed the same pattern. "What's the news?" he would begin. All key strands of opinion on the back benches were consulted in this way. Those in the habit of being rung were known to store up news all week hoping he would call. When they had said their bit, there would be a pleasant and brief goodbye. There was never any conversation. He was a man of few words. Conversation was not something he enjoyed even within his own family. But he loved the telephone. As a former Prime Minister put it: "He was a superbly good listener. He would pick up the essential grain that mattered."

When government business was in danger, as it was over Edward Heath's abolition of Resale Price Maintenance in 1964, he had other methods. Recalcitrant backbenchers would be asked to luncheon in a private room at the Savoy. Officially these luncheons never took place but to those who participated they were known as "the cloak-and-dagger lunch job".

Here again he had his own particular style. When people had been well watered and wined Morrison — who spoke only a few times in the House during all his time there — would spell out to his guests what it would mean to their countryside, their homes, their towns if there was not a strong Conservative Party. One victim remembers getting "almost a barrack square bollicking from a normally very quiet man".

He did his own constituency duties faithfully, much helped by his wife who predeceased him by more than a decade. On one occasion he hitched a plough to a tractor and cleared a way to a snowed-in children's hospital that was close to running out of food. Speeches, though, were never his métier. Once invited to give a speech on education in his constituency, he asked a member of his family to provide appropriate notes, then called over his shoulder: "Put them on a postcard."

Usually he went to the annual Conservative Party conference only on the last day for the leader's speech. Although a powerful man at the centre of things he would be unrecognised — but not unnoticed. He was well over 6ft tall with a massive build, and exuding a powerful confidence and representatives would ask each other who he was, puzzled by the fact that this splendid-looking man was taking his seat on the second row on the platform.

His real moorings were in the countryside. On a one-day's shoot at Sir Ian Walker-Okeover's estate at Ballater near Balmoral he once shot 52 grouse with 55 cartridges. Another time on Islay he bagged 128 snipe in one day. He was not an elegant shot as he rounded his shoulders and crouched over his gun but he was an exceptional one. His South and West Wilts Foxhounds, of which he was master for 34 seasons, more than once took the championship at Peterborough, the national foxhound show.

Home was Fonthill House on a fine estate in Wiltshire which his great-grandfather had purchased for his second son, Morrison's grandfather and also an MP for Salisbury. For the summer recess he would go to his house on the Isle of Islay with its wonderful wildlife, fishing, shooting and good whisky. A succession of top politicians got asked to spend some of their holidays on Islay. Afterwards they would receive a totally unexpected gift — its welcome slightly depleted by the accompanying envelope. In order to make a point about excise duty, Morrison would send out a generous-sized present of his favourite 21-year-old malt whisky from the island — and the envelope, from the Customs and Excise, would contain the bill for tax, about 70 per cent.

John Glanville Morrison was born at the family's then home in Belgravia. His father was Hugh Morrison (later MP for Salisbury) and his mother the former Lady Mary Levesen Gower. He was educated at Eton and played in the rugby XV and rowed for his house. From there he went to Cambridge, continuing his sporting interests, playing polo for the university. A grandson asked him years later: "Grandpapa, did you take a degree at Cambridge?" Pause. "No, I never intended to be a schoolmaster."

Soon after coming down from university he settled into farming the Fonthill estate. At 22 he married the Hon Margaret Smith, daughter of Lord Hambledon. It was then he developed his pattern of country life, and at the very early age of 32 was High Sheriff of Wiltshire.

On the outbreak of war in 1939 the Royal Wiltshire Regiment, still horsed, and in which he was a captain, was ordered to embark for the Middle East. In readiness for Syria and Palestine they became part of the Cavalry Regiment. Margadale and his groom, who accompanied him, were seen as the best mounted men of the regiment. They had taken to the Middle East the two best horses from the Fonthill stables.

At home his wife continued her interest in local councils, young people's clubs — and, in the early part of the war, foxhunting. On the day after war was declared she was photographed as she rode to the meet of the hounds side-saddle in formal, dark riding habit and top silk hat, saluting a tank from Tidworth when the two met on the road.

With the fall of France in 1940 the horsed Cavalry Regiment switched to tanks. Margadale was posted to Egypt. In 1942 a letter came from the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill. It told him to come home and take the Salisbury seat in the Commons which had become vacant after the death of the sitting Member, a man who had succeeded his father as MP ten years previously. At the local Morrison Hall, built by another ancestor, his candidacy was agreed by acclamation. During the war there was a truce on party political campaigning. The party that held the seat previously was given a clear run unopposed by the other parties. But Morrison had two independent opponents.

Churchill's reason for wanting Morrison in the House was to have a fighting soldier fresh from the most active front at the time. The Government was under severe pressure both from the press and the public who felt that there should be more speedy efforts to win the war on the ground. In this context Margadale's maiden speech must have badly disappointed Churchill.

Breaking the convention that maiden speeches should be uncontroversial the young, uniformed MP said that he did not wish to "tear to bits" the latest White Paper on service conditions and then proceeded to do just that. Fighting soldiers conscripted from civilian jobs were on an out-of-date pay scale, taking "no account of inflation". Often they could not afford a drink, a cigarette, or a bit of leave as they struggled to have everything go to their families at home. It was probably the most powerful speech he ever made.

After the war he successfully dovetailed his two main interests — being MP for Salisbury and Master of the South and West Wilts Foxhounds, a post which he held for 34 years. Monday was a particular problem with both interests in danger of conflicting. A chauffeur would be detailed to locate him hunting by 2pm, rush him to the nearest train for London, leaving his horse to be taken to the stables by a groom.

In London he would change out of hunting clothes and top boots at his Knightsbridge flat and then drive to the Commons in what he called "the London car". This was a pre-Mini, very small, and it could be quickly driven through traffic. His departure never ceased to provide amusement for the other flat-dwellers at Kingston House, Knightsbridge, as he deftly lowered his great height and bulk into the car and sped away.

He was the first of the Morrisons to become involved in racing, founding the Fonthill Stud. He had success in his first race when Fellermelad won a maiden at Newbury. His best horse bred at Fonthill was the Spree, second in both the fillies' Classics.

It was as a senior steward of the Jockey Club that he gave most to racing. Before beginning his term of office he visited all 40 flat courses and racing days — unannounced. Starting at the cheap silver ring he would talk to punters and bookies, making his way through the enclosure until he arrived mid-afternoon in the Stewards' Box. By then he had noted everything worth telling the Jockey Club back in London. Change that was overdue happened in time. Small courses could no longer be treated as private fiefdoms.

Many owners of the great country estates sold or leased out their family seats after the Second World War. Others made deals with the National Trust, content to live out their days in a suite of rooms in a wing of the mansion, or move to the farm manager's or head gardener's house.

It was a couple of decades before the Morrison family made changes, and then, for reasons of convenience. In 1972 the large house at Fonthill, beloved by the Victorians, was pulled down. Lady Margadale took the lead in saying it was no longer practical. A modern Georgian-style house, using much of the stone of the old house, replaced it after the usual kerfuffle. The Department of the Environment, encouraged by amenity societies, prepared a preservation order. They put it on the wrong house on the estate (some six houses on the estate carry the prefix Fonthill).

As confusion reigned the old house built by Hugh Morrison at the turn of the century was reduced to ruins. Questioned about the episode at the time Margadale said: "I can't help it if a government department gets the wrong house."

Margadale was Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire for 14 years, until reaching the age limit of 75. At different times he was Honorary Colonel of the Royal Yeomanry Regiment, chairman of the British Field Sports Society, president of Smithfield, and president of the Royal Bath and West Agricultural Society.

His peerage, as Lord Margadale, came in Sir Alec Douglas-Home's Dissolution Honours List and is hereditary. The eldest son, James Morrison, now inherits the barony. He and his brother, Sir Charles Morrison, and his sister, Mary Morrison, a Lady of the Bedchamber to the Queen, survive their father, his youngest son, Sir Peter Morrison, having died in July last year.

LAURENCE MARKS

Laurence Marks, journalist, died of cancer on May 24 aged 67. He was born in East Finchley, north London, on January 26, 1929.

LAURENCE MARKS was one of Fleet Street's unsung heroes. He was employed by several newspapers but spent most of his career on *The Observer*, for which he worked from 1968 to 1994. He was a classic all-rounder, who could turn his hand to almost anything — and frequently did when an urgent story broke close to deadline.

He loved writing about the arts, particularly architecture, but the form for which he will be best remembered by his fellow-journalists is the profile. *The Observer* profile — in the 1980s complete with a Marc caricature — was long considered to be one of the paper's most distinguished features (it was David Astor, after all, who introduced the genre into British journalism in the 1940s). And it was Laurence Marks who wrote the highest proportion of them during his long career with the paper.

The format suited him perfectly, not least because it carried no byline. Marks abhorred the limelight, operating in a world of his own which remained a mystery to most of his colleagues. He combined scholarliness with great energy and efficiency; it was impossible to tell whether he had turned round the profile in two weeks or two days (frequently the latter), so polished and informative was the final result.

Marks was a man of paradoxes — a loner who appeared remote and forbidding, yet was keenly interested in people, as was apparent from his profiles. He was intensely bookish, and liked nothing better than reading up on a subject in the British Library; but his interrogatory technique, as he peered over his half-moon spectacles with a quizzical half-smile, was as crisp and effective as a detective's and a model for any aspiring journalist. He was also a great stylist.

Profiling Sir Isaiah Berlin for his eightieth birthday in 1989, Marks wrote: "He is the embodiment of the Oxford spirit: dispassionate, eclectic, undogmatic, elegant in expression." The description could equally well have been applied to Marks, an Oxford man, too, though one who would have shuddered to be mentioned in the same breath as one of his great heroes.

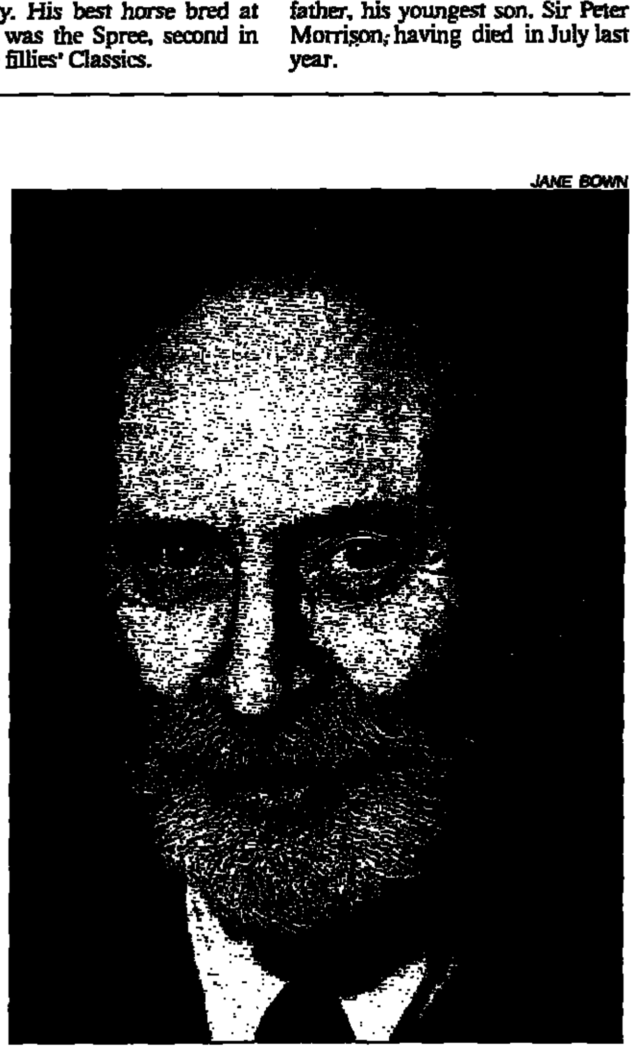
He was born into a north London Jewish family, the eldest of four children. (Although not religious, Marks retained a keen interest all his life in Judaica and the architecture of Jerusalem in the period of the British Mandate.) When his parents separated and his father, a small businessman, left home, he become something of a father figure to his two younger siblings. He was evacuated to Devon during the war, returning to the capital to complete his secondary education at City of London School, and going on to Lincoln College, Oxford, where he read law. For his National Service, he was commissioned into the Royal Artillery.

After a brief stint in advertising, he decided that journalism was his real métier and joined the *Oxford Mail*. He moved on to the London *Evening Standard*, where he edited the Londoner's Diary, a fact which astonished his later colleagues, as anyone less interested in partygoing and the doings of smart society would have been hard to find. He then went to *The Sunday Times* but, typically, left over a matter of principle. *The Observer* was happy to snap him up and it was swiftly apparent that newspaper and writer were well matched. Initially he had a baptism of fire, being criticised along with his Editor, by the Committee of Privileges for publishing an advance leak from a parliamentary committee report on the chemical warfare establishment at Porton Down. Only, however, the Labour MP involved, Tam Dalyell, was formally reprimanded by the Speaker.

Although Marks wrote mainly about Britain, he was briefly the paper's Washington correspondent. On his way home at the end of his tour in 1979, he stopped off in Guadeloupe to cover the G7 meeting there hosted by Giscard d'Estaing and picked up a virulent tropical disease, the after-effects of which blighted him for the rest of his life.

After being retired from *The Observer*, he continued to write profiles for the *Independent on Sunday*, although pained that the newspaper's style dictated that they must bear his byline. He also contributed articles on architecture to *The Spectator*.

He never married and is survived by his two sisters and a brother.



JANE BOWN

THE TYRANNY OF BIRDS.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

No bird-lover should live in the country. In towns one dreams of the song of birds and sighs for the chance to watch their little ways. When we lived in London we longed for these delights and wistfully watched the sparrows destroying the buds of our one anaemic lilac-bush; the fat, possessive pigeons strutting in St. Paul's Churchyard; or the wizard man who sat in Hyde Park covered with birds which fed from his hands. He seemed happy, but this can only have been because he was free to leave Hyde Park and the tyranny of birds when he pleased.

Here, in the country, we are bullied by birds and cannot escape them. In a moment of optimism we built a loggia on the south side of our house, hoping to sun ourselves therein. But, before the summer came, two swallows took possession of it and built their nest up in its rafters and there hatched out their eggs. Whenever we came out into the loggia the birds flew out in terror. If we arranged ourselves comfortably there in cushioned chairs, the mother swallow harrowed our hearts by flying distractedly to the entrance and skimming away again, returning in a few seconds, with her mate to strengthen her resolution, only to waver outside and dart away with a piteous squeak of protest ...

ON THIS DAY

May 29, 1928

A nature article, typical of some of the writing prewar; it has a touch of anthropomorphism which some readers may find a little irritating.

Always the swallows won. We sat in the loggia as intruders or we retired indoors feeling like brutes. We grew to long for the moment when the young swallows should be fledged and fly away; but, hardly had this happened when those same endeavouring birds decided to begin all over again. The year was young as yet; there was ample time to bring up another family. Clearly we were not to use our loggia that summer.

Another pair of swallows, mentally deficient, as I believe, started to build a nest across the hinge of an out-house where chicken-food was stored. Every day when the door was opened their work was destroyed, but they patiently and sorrowfully persisted, until we were obliged to give orders that the door be left permanently open——risking the theft of forage——for the convenience of these half-wits, who eventually built a beautiful little nest in the safe interior of the shed.

Every morning these four parent birds woke me at sunrise by perching on the trough above my window and exchanging interminable family gossip.

The loggia being banned, we sought shelter under the trees by the pool in our orchard, hoping——more fools we!——to enjoy the peace of our garden. But we soon discovered that a pair of moorhens had taken possession of our pool, had built a nest among the yellow iris and hatched out seven promising balls of black fluff. Our appearance disturbed the proud mamma in the act of teaching her progeny to "walk the plank" in procession, a spear of iris foliage having been broken down by her to enable them more easily to reach the water. At sight of us there was a sudden panic. James and Gerald overbalanced and fell into the water; Patricia and Geraldine rushed back into the nest; mamma dived into the rushes with Richard, Jemima and Charles; and papa, having a hatred of domestic scenes, retired precipitately to his study under the bank ...

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The children's tales as yet untold

On May 17 the classic Fleet Street disclaimer — "The *Daily Mail* makes no apology" — introduced a story that the paper called "among the most shocking you'll ever read". It wasn't, of course, but horrible enough to warrant a passing over: the details of the abduction, rape and murder of nine-year-old Daniel Handley.

Murder is an old story, but child sexual abuse is not. It is that rare commodity: new news. The discovery that vulnerable children have been sexually exploited by those entrusted with their care must rank as the greatest story never told.

Why have we been so blind? Knowing what we do now, for us to see on the television news the charming, half-timbered children's home in Wrexham is unbearable. You put yourself in the place of those adolescents being driven up the drive through spacious grounds, thinking, "*Everything's going to be* all right now." You then think of what lay waiting within — with punishment for trying to run away.

BRENDA MADDOX

The horror makes you want to rewrite Dickens — if not the whole of 19th-century children's literature. Dickens convinced us that children in care suffered no worse than the refusal of a second bowl of porridge. The orphaned Jane Eyre suffered no more than a book thrown at her by her bullying male cousin. And Huckleberry Finn floated down the Mississippi unmolested by the two old rogues into whose clutches he had fallen.

The prettying up of what can happen to children has been a massive, collective act of cultural censorship. Walk through the National Gallery or read the world's great books and you find depictions of the rape of women, but none of children. The scale of the taboo is all the more staggering when you realise that the use of children for sexual gratification has been going on since the dawn of time.

The greatest censor of all may have been the man who discovered childhood sexuality, Sigmund Freud. The most damning charge laid against him today is that he doctored the truth: confronted with too many tales of fathers entering daughters' bedrooms, he dismissed them as female fantasies.

Don't think the censorship is over. Next month the Secretary of State for Wales, William Hague, will sit down with the five new authorities which have replaced Clwyd County Council to try to publish the long-secret report on 21 years of child abuse at children's homes in north Wales. The report, commissioned by Clywd, is said to expose one of the worst abuse scandals of the century, but it has been withheld from the public. All we know is that at least four people are already in jail for sexual assaults.

It is not just prudishness that keeps the ugly news out of the papers. Convictions of the guilty are swiftly followed by insurance claims against their employers. Staffordshire County Council's insurers have paid out £1.7 million in compensation to the victims of *some of its social workers'* unusual punishments.

And, of course, accusations may not be true. False Memory Syndrome is a sorry by-product of the awakening to the fact of adult-child sexual relations. People recover memories of what never happened, just as — another by-product — over-zealous social workers detect non-existent symptoms and *misinterpret hearsay*.

These secondary consequences must be resisted. But they must not disguise the ugly truth upon which the late 20th century has belatedly stumbled: that a range of evils from paedophilia to incest is far more common than was ever realised.

When did the unspeakable become printable? Possibly the publication of *Lolita* in 1958 put the description of paedophilia before the public and Nabokov succeeded where Freud failed in daring to announce that children have sexual desires too. "It was she who seduced me," says the astonished paedophile Humbert Humbert. The Moors murders in the early 1960s certainly forced the issue before readers' eyes. And when Esther Rantzen launched her ChildLine in 1986, she found it swamped by calls from children in distress.

No one can argue that this new crime is cooked up by the media to sell newspapers. Very few people like to read about it, but the stories are not going to go away. The spread of the Internet with its uncontrollable possibilities for adults to get at children, even if only electronically, raises the problem to a new dimension.

Some good must come out of this exposure. We can now see that the rise of divorce brings new dangers into the home. Young girls are far more at risk from the sexual attentions of mother's boyfriend than from their own father. We can now wince at the sexual content of those terrible Safeway commercials showing tiny children courting like adults. And new stories like that of the girl of nine having an abortion should put an end to pious pleas for a return to innocence.

There never was any innocence. Childhood, it has been observed, was a 19th-century invention. Children have always been prisoners of their parents or of whomever looks after them. The recognition that this vulnerability includes access to their private regions makes for appalling reading. But it is also children's best hope of protection at last.

THE LISTENER

THE NEWS BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Amanda Root and Ciaran Hinds were deemed too demure to attract US audiences

The power behind the throne

THE talk at the Mirror Group's Canary Wharf headquarters as chief executive David Montgomery appears to be taking a less hands-on role is focusing on the seemingly unstoppable comeback of Kelvin MacKenzie, head of the company's cable channel Live TV!

Not only has he installed his protegé Piers Morgan in the Editor's chair at *The Daily Mirror*, but as the most voiciferous member of the jury for the prestigious Newspaper Industry Awards in March, the former *Sun* Editor is also credited with helping former *People* Editor Bridget Rowe to win the prizes for National Newspaper of the Year and Sunday Newspaper of the Year. He went on to support her promotion to MD of *The People* and *Sunday Mirror*.

It is not quite clear yet what he makes of *The Independent's* new Editor Andrew Marr, although he has been heard to mutter something about the paper becoming "a bit studenty". MacKenzie is now leading Mirror Group's joind bid with Carlton Television for the Premiership football rights.

Powerful: MacKenzie

Despite all his extra work, he appears to have lost nothing of his legendary humour. He greeted a recent arrival at the company with two handshakes. One, he explained, was to say hello. The second was just in case the executive got fired on a Friday evening and he was not around to say goodbye. Shortly afterwards the hepless manager made an abrupt exit from the company — at around 6pm on a Friday.

● *They may be commemorating 50 years of* Woman's Hour *and they may be celebrating "powerful" women past and present in their specially produced pack of* Woman's Hour *playing cards, but noticeably absent from the deck is Liz Forgan, the former managing director of Network Radio BBC. She has been overlooked in favour of an eclectic, and some would say random, mixture of women. "We didn't want it to be too internal," a Radio 4 spokeswoman said. Nonetheless, the matter of choice seems to have remained very internal indeed One of the Aces — the "best women ever" — is Billie Holiday, in strange company with Queen Elizabeth I, Simone de Beauvoir and Jane Austen.*

"Sally Feldman, one of the programme's editors, thinks Billie is absolutely marvellous," the spokeswoman says, "so we had to put her in." Quite.

Hot Austen

WHO ARE that charming and attractive couple on the cover of the American video version of *Persuasion*? One thing is for sure, they are not the BBC stars of the series, Ciaran Hinds and Amanda Root. Clearly not considering them attractive enough for the American public, the Stateside version has dropped the demure Hinds and Root and replaced them with two little-known and rather more glamorous models posing in provocative fashion as Austen's hero and heroine.

A spokesman for BBC Worldwide said it had no rights to video sales of *Persuasion* in the US and the Americans could do what they liked with the cover. "I guess it makes it a little more seductive to us over here," explained a spokeswoman for Columbia Tristar in California.

Save our men

CHRIS TARRANT, the Capital Radio breakfast presenter and TV host, has fallen foul of the UK Men's Movement, self-styled protectors of the nation's males. The television show *Man O'Man*, which Mr Tarrant presents, has been denounced by the organisation as "appallingly sexist and demeaning", not to mention "shambolic".

"This so-called humour," complains Lawrie Jackson, secretary of the UKMM, in a letter to the TV network heads and the Broadcasting Standards Council, "is largely based on the habitual humiliation and demeaning of men for the sole purpose of entertaining, amusing and titillating women."

Richard Hearsay, producer of *Man O'Man*, said he had sent a stern letter to the group. "There are an awful lot of men left in this country who think women should stay in the kitchen," he said. "Both Chris and I think it's good clean family entertainment . . ."

Man in trouble: Tarrant

Moving fronts

IS GMTV's chirrupy weather girl Sally Meen to be lured away from her brollybillities slot on the breakfast channel? Headhunters for the 24-hour Weather Channel on cable, which launches on Friday, have approached her to help to front the station. However, the cable company says it's her geography degree as much as her blonde appeal that has lured them in her direction. "We are looking for people with a serious meteorological background," a spokeswoman said earnestly. *Bien sur.*

Owen goal

MORE rumblings of discontent at the beleaguered *Sunday Business*, where some staff were surprised on Sunday to read their Editor's personal endorsement of the socialist businessman Owen Oyston, who was convicted of rape last week.

Osyton, incidentally, helped the paper out in its early days with a lifesaving "loan" of £200,000. The homily by the Editor, Tom Rubython — which concluded with the rousing words "… there is one thing I know for sure, Owen Oyston is not and has never been a rapist, whatever a jury might have said" — was prepared in secrecy. Senior journalists were told that the pages were to be filled by a "marketing promotion" and so knew nothing about it until the paper hit the news-stands.

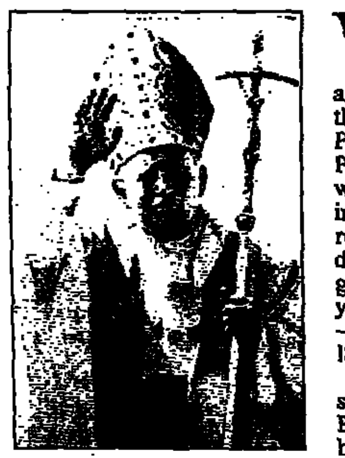
Many hardened hacks, who have been prepared to soldier on at the paper despite the fact that they have not received all of their May salaries, are now considering resigning in protest.

● *Assistant editor of* The Spectator *Petronella Wyatt denies categorically that her new dining club, Women Against Journalism, has been formed in reaction to the crusading feminist organisation Women In Journalism, despite the similarity in the two groups' names.*

"It is a complete coincidence that the names are so much alike," she insists. Of course it is.

Wyatt, who founded WAJ with Spectator *deputy editor Anne McElvoy, admits however that the new organisation has been created as a reaction against the over-earnestness and political correctness of "some women's groups" in recent years.*

Heaven is…pitching for the Vatican



The Pope: raising cash

What chance do mere mortal marketers have when the great and the good start invading their patch? Last week the Prince of Wales launched a Prince's Trust credit card which offers a killer marketing combination: the status of royalty, the satisfaction of doing good (every new card generates cash for the Prince's youth charity) plus a bargain — no annual fee and an APR of 18.9 per cent.

But Charles could find himself trumped by no less than Pope John Paul II. From June he'll be deploying the power of the Vatican brand and the imagery of the Roman Catholic Church to market its message — and raise a little cash.

Jewel in the crown is a Vatican Library licensing and merchandising programme that will put its repertoire of paintings, frescoes and buildings on household objects and clothes around the globe.

Father Leonard Boyle, the library director, denies rumours that Gucci and Armani will soon be sporting Vatican motifs at heavenly margins. But, he admits, a range of Vatican-inspired costume jewellery has already been "particularly successful".

And that's only the beginning, as UK design agencies have discovered. They've been receiving phone calls from an organisation called the Committee for the Jubilee inviting them to pitch for a project called AD 2000. The brief: to conjure up a logo which inspires the world's populace to celebrate the true meaning of the millennium. Agencies, it appears, will be expected to do the work for free as, it is subtly hinted, their rewards will come in the next life.

JUST what is going on at BT? A year ago it appointed Mike Biden, a man from Mars (the corporation, not the planet), to dazzle us with the joys of modern telecoms.

By January Mr Biden was out and BT was asserting that its vast personal communications division no longer needed a marketing director. Charlotte Pinder, a marketing hotshot brought in from Pepsi, walked out on May 7.

Now BT has appointed a new marketing director: Mike Wagner. Talk of expanding the telecoms market has evaporated, and chunks of BT's £180 million residential marketing budget have been switched from advertising into direct mail.

Notwithstanding Mr Wagner's appointment, insiders now believe BT's marketing is effectively controlled by the Canadian direct marketing consultant Ed Carter.

Where such shenanigans leave BT's "It's Good to Talk" ad campaign is anybody's guess. But most BT watchers are speechless.

THE grocery industry is full of rumours of a cultural sea-change said to be sweeping through the once-arrogant J Sainsbury now that it's being trounced by Tesco. Marketers at a recent conference were gobsmacked, for example, to hear Sainsbury's deputy chairman Tom Vyner talk of the need for more honest communications between manufacturers and retailers — not things Sainsbury's feared buyers are renowned for.

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Further details and an application form may be obtained from the Establishment Office, House of Lords, London, SW1A 0PW (Tel: 0171 219 6630 (answering machine)). Completed forms to be returned by 17 June 1996. It is expected that interviews will be held in the week beginning 8 July.

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Max Hastings, of the *Evening Standard*, and Sue Douglas, of the *Sunday Express*, both enjoy reputations as hire-and-fire editors. Ms Douglas's action was called "whimsical"

THE case of Graham Jones, the 44-year-old assistant editor (news) of the *Sunday Express*, who was "tossed aside like a toffee wrapper", could become a precedent for Fleet Street. Although the industrial tribunal found that there had been no sexual discrimination, the chairman, Ian Lamb, condemned the hire-and-fire policy of Express Group Newspapers. They had already admitted unfair dismissal, and will have to pay compensation.

Mr Lamb told the Editor of the *Sunday Express*, Sue Douglas, that she had been "hiring and firing with complete disregard for the laws or good employment practice . . . This dismissal had no rhyme or reason except the personal preference of Ms Douglas . . . it was utterly irrational and whimsical. She considered that Mr Jones was just not a person she wanted to work with." If Sue Douglas were the only editor to behave in this way, that would merely be another black mark for the *Sunday Express*, a newspaper whose catastrophic fall in circulation Ms Douglas is trying to halt. Yet it is notorious that Fleet Street is now divided into two schools. There are editors who manage their staff reasonably and consistently, do not fire without reason and consideration, and try to build their professional teams with care over time. And there are the other editors whose firings are indeed "irrational and whimsical".

There is, I think, an important distinction to be made between two types of journalist. A minority of journalists are in the position of actors on stage; we perform the play as the public sees it. The readers of the newspapers come to know our names, and either like or dislike what we write. Such named journalists have their advantages. Because we are known as individuals, we are also known to the editors of other newspapers, and can change papers relatively easily. If we have a following among readers, that tends to be reflected in our pay. We have good access to the people we write about because they have read our pieces.

These advantages are naturally compensated for by our being essentially the tubes of colour in the editor's paintbox. He has to balance his paper; he has to hold his readers' attention; he has to keep his paper looking fresh. One of the ways in which he will achieve this is by bringing in new named writers, with new opinions and ideas. And if new writers are brought in, old writers must sometimes go out. An editor who changes his named writers may well expect them to pop up elsewhere, but he must be free to make the choice. If one follows the career of a first-class columnist like Auberon Waugh, one can see that both he and the newspapers which have employed him have benefited from this merry-go-round.

An editor who never changed anybody would therefore not be doing his job, and his readers would soon notice. But the named writers, the actors who appear on stage, are a minority of journalists. The majority are not known individually to their readers, though they may be doing very important jobs on the newspaper. They are professionals, and one of their skills is to respond to the policies of the editor, who has the ultimate responsibility for judging what his readers will want.

Mr Jones had worked on the

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Sunday Express for seven years, for 14 or even 16-hour days by his own account. During that time the newspaper's circulation had indeed fallen, but as assistant editor (news) he could hardly be held responsible for that. Ms Douglas fired him after she had been Editor for a fortnight. In that time she could hardly have formulated her own policies, let alone been able to determine whether Mr Jones could carry them out. The assistant editor (news) may well have his own views on the news management of the paper; he may influence it; he does not decide it. The editor does that. If Ms Douglas wanted headless bodies, it would have been Mr Jones's job to produce them; if she wanted Tory MPs in shock horror sleaze, it would have been Mr Jones's job to exhume some of that; if she wanted to lead the paper on a quarter point fall in the yen/dollar exchange rate, that would have become Mr Jones's business as well. But she had not *waited to see whether he could* produce the sort of news stories she wanted; she fired him partly because he had been around under her predecessor, and had then provided the news stories which her predecessor had asked for. That was "irrational and whimsical".

The broad principle must be that journalists should be judged on their professional performance. The editor will in the end be judged by the success of the newspaper — it is a market test; the named writer will be judged by the appeal to the reader of his or her writing: the news editor, the sub-editor or the anonymous reporter should be judged on the ability to respond to the needs of the newspaper as the editor perceives them. In my own experience on *The Times*, good professionals are entirely willing, and pleased, to take coherent direction from their editor, and are only disappointed if they do not get it.

Sometimes newspapers are overmanned, and the staff has to be trimmed down, but that is a different question. Overmanning is not only commercially wasteful, but is bad for the editorial process as such. There is a certain tempo which runs through a newspaper; one of the functions of the editor, like the conductor of an orchestra, is to set the tempo. If there are too many staff, everyone will be working at reduced pressure, and the tempo will slacken. If one compares the five London broadsheets at present, the most highly manned for its function is the *Financial Times*, while *The Independent* has been through savage staff cuts, made inevitable because of heavy losses of money. The tempo of *The Independent* is much quicker than that of the *Financial Times*, and it leaves the impression of a more tautly edited newspaper.

The editorial and commercial benefits of a stable policy are illustrated in the Associated Newspapers Group, the *Daily Mail*, *The Mail On Sunday* and the *Evening Standard*. This group now dominates the mid-market in the way that the Express Group did in the 1940s and 1950s, when Lord Beaverbrook was the proprietor. In 1971 Lord Rothermere became the chairman of Associated Newspapers; in the same year Sir David English became Editor of the *Daily Mail*. They are still running the group, 25 years later, and they have had a surprisingly stable team of senior editors, who have mostly pursued stable policies of professional employment.

The exception among their editors has been Max Hastings, the still comparatively new Editor of the *Evening Standard*. He enjoyed the reputation of being a "hire-and-fire" Editor at *The Daily Telegraph*, and he seems to have fired people quite freely when he went to the *Evening Standard*. There he inherited an editorial team which had been built up by Paul Dacre, now Editor of the *Daily Mail*, and Stewart Steven, who had previously edited *The Mail On Sunday*.

I have read the *Evening Standard* throughout this period, as most Londoners do: Max Hastings seems not yet to have been able to rebuild a staff as good as the one he inherited and partially dispersed. As a result his *Evening Standard* has so far been a duller newspaper than Dacre's or Steven's.

In the 1970s, the trade unions were far too strong in Fleet Street, including the National Union of Journalists itself. That led to *The Times* stoppage of 1978 and subsequently to the move to Wapping, which saved the commercial future of the whole London press. The balance of power has now swung the other way. That has led some editors to adopt a macho or virago approach to hiring and firing. Such editors disrupt the professional teams on which successful editorial work depends. At worst they can become petty office tyrants ruling frightened courts in a spirit of personal vanity. Apart from anything else, that is not good for the quality of their newspapers.

Mad cows and Englishmen hit out in the Mail and Sun

PAPER ROUND

Brian MacArthur

We won the war in 1945, we won the World Cup in 1966 but we still hate the Germans, don't we? Any German in Britain last week could have been forgiven for thinking so.

When John Major summoned Britain to war with Europe, the Tory tabloids instantly donned battle gear and went over the top — in both senses of the phrase.

"Major shows bulls at last" roared *The Sun*. "Major goes to war at last" said the *Daily Mail*. (Note that impatient "at last" in both.) "Major speaks for Britain" said the *Daily Express*, showing the Prime Minister against the Union Jack.

The Sun occupied its usual position in the leading tank. Against a picture of Winston Churchill, Britain's biggest-selling daily launched a buy-British crusade urging Britain to "S-hun" German food and drink.

Joining forces with the Asda supermarket chain, it offered readers two free British beefburgers as well as an "I'm Backing British Beef" car-sticker. It also proposed 20 ways to hit back at the Europeans, including a boycott of German beer, Mercedes cars and Hugo Boss clothes.

Just behind, in the second tank, was the increasingly belligerent *Daily Express*, which offered a guide to how to say "no" — "a vital word for Eurocrats" — in nine languages.

There were unusually warm endorsements for Mr Major from the *Daily Mail* and *The Daily Telegraph*, although both were dubious about the strength of his resolution. "If after one bout of stage-managed defiance at Florence his boldness shrivels with punctured braggadocio, he will bear the blame and the shame." said the *Mail*. According to *The Daily Telegraph*: "If this gamble pays off, the electoral rewards will be great. If it fails, the end is nigh . . . this has become a battle that [the Government] cannot afford to lose."

Depending on your point of view, all this speaking for England is either exhilarating — damn the Krauts — or deeply shaming, an outburst of xenophobia in papers read by more than 20 million readers a day.

It was John Williams from the *Daily Mirror* who described most succinctly the reaction of the ashamed. This was not a war about beef, but about Germans, he argued. A sinister phrase had started to appear among the Euro-sceptics and their media cheerleaders. They called the EU "the Fourth Reich", implying that Helmut Kohl was succeeding where the Luftwaffe failed. "This is a wicked distortion. Let's be blunter still. It is evil," said Mr Williams.

Under its new Editor, Andrew Marr, *The Independent* devoted most of its front page to a commentary under the sardonic headline, "Oh what a lovely war!" Two telling arguments were put by John Lichfield. If the BSE epidemic had occurred in France, a child could have composed the likely *Daily Mail* splash: "EU orders Britons to eat killer meat." Many on the Continent, moreover, believe that eating British — or any — beef might (just might) rot the brains of their children. "And who originally said so? The British Government and the British press."

Yet quite the most scornful, damning and magisterial indictment of Mr Major appeared neither in a tabloid nor a paper of the Left, but in *The Times*, where William Rees-Mogg was in Swiftean mode. Europe was not going to lift the beef ban until it was known whether or not BSE was infectious, he argued. Nor, if the situation was were reversed, would Britain import European beef. Mr Major was exposing himself to ridicule by deploying Britain's ultimate negotiating weapon to fight for those three great issues of state: Tallow, Gelatin and Semen.

If the *Daily Mail* and *Daily Express* thought this spasm of hysteria showed that the Government had recovered the will to govern, they were wrong. "The half-empty chair is the symbol of a half-dead Government."

When editors speak for England they raise the question whether they lead or follow public opinion. According to a poll in *The Observer*, William Rees-Mogg may be closer to the nation's pulse. Even after all the tabloid propaganda, it showed that 51 per cent of the British blame Mr Major's Government for the BSE crisis rather than the EU.

Theo Koll, who represents Germany's ZDV television station in London and is a lifelong Anglophile, was a sadder man last week. He finds that Britain's constant hostility to Germany is beginning to get under his skin. What worries him most is that the anti-European, anti-German instincts unleashed by Mr Major — and so enthusiastically endorsed by most of the tabloids — will poison the minds of yet another generation of Britons.

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NEWS

Britain turns screw in beef battle

■ Britain escalated its "beef war" with Europe, wielding the national veto 12 times to scupper measures that would normally have sailed through.

But as ministers blocked everything that came before them in Brussels, the man in charge of the Cabinet response admitted that it could be six years before all Britain's cattle are free of "mad cow" disease — and even appeared to accept that the exports ban could last into the next century .... **Pages 1, 2**

Damage to England footballers' plane

■ England footballers were at the centre of a police investigation into damage to the jet which brought them back from Hong Kong. Damage to the Cathay Pacific 747 was confined to the upper business class section where the 27-strong squad of players were sitting .... **Page 1**

Blood money

Thousands of gold sovereigns given to British troops in the Gulf War to help them bargain for their lives if caught behind Iraqi lines, are to be sold by the Ministry of Defence for about £1 million .... **Page 1**

Oxford chair saved

Oxford's chair of European Thought has been saved just weeks after the grandson of a Nazi war criminal, who made the original donation, asked for his money back .... **Page 1**

Robbers kill tourist

A German tourist on a twinning visit to Bedford was shot dead in front of her husband during a bungled hotel robbery as they sat drinking with friends .... **Page 3**

Charity support

In the week in which her divorce becomes absolute and she relinquishes the title Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of York's small fistful of charities have rallied round to support her .... **Page 5**

Sins of the parents

Schools should be allowed to expel the children of parents who attack staff, head teachers' leaders said .... **Page 6**

Baby milk danger

Scandanavian studies have shown that breast milk contains traces of chemicals that may be at least as dangerous as those found in infant formulae .... **Page 8**

Cheaper cars

Rover will scrap separate delivery charges and similar extras on new cars next week. The move will force other car makers to end a practice that adds hundreds of pounds to list prices .... **Page 9**

Des. detached res.

Detached houses are selling more easily than cheaper flats, according to Government figures that suggest the emergence of a two-tier housing market .... **Page 10**

Peaceful Yeltsin

President Yeltsin' attempted to turn his biggest electoral liability into his campaign trump card when he visited Chechenia and declared himself a messenger of peace .... **Page 12**

Election bitterness

Israel's divisive election campaign ended last night with Labour accusing the right-wing Likud of racism .... **Page 13**

Refugee crisis

The number of refugees seeking shelter is likely to double in the next ten years, says the International Red Cross. More than 60 million people will be the victims of persecution .... **Page 14**

Olympian race

With 50 days to go before the centennial Olympiad, downtown Atlanta is a mess. A small city with big ideas has already moved the Earth but that has left heaps of top soil .... **Page 15**

I've started but they won't let me finish

■ The BBC's quiz programme *Mastermind* gets its first taste of censorship tonight when a contestant will answer questions on The Sex Pistols. The Corporation's language police have decided to bleep out an expletive uttered by Magnus Magnusson during a question about the band's notorious album, *Never Mind the Bollocks* .... **Page 1**

KEITH MEATHERINGHAM

Clifford and Janice Spencer, who farm near Bridlington, Yorkshire, admire a 25-acre field of the border plant honesty *(lunaria biennis)*. The flower's seeds contain nervonic acid which, it is hoped, might be used in the treatment of multiple sclerosis

BUSINESS

Utilities: A wave of consolidation looks set to sweep through stockmarket utilities after Scottish Power made its expected £1.56 billion bid for Southern Water .... **Page 25**

CBI: The Government's beef war has embarrassed the CBI over a European roadshow which it is to launch in co-operation with John Major next week .... Page 25

Nuclear: Ordinary investors will be given the chance to buy at least 30 per cent of British Energy, the nuclear group, when it is privatised in July. Small shareholders will be offered a discount .... **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 8.1 to 3760.2. Sterling rose from 84.9 to 85.1 after a fall from $1.5127 to $1.5122 but a rise from DM2.3321 to DM2.3410 .... **Page 28**

SPORT

Football: Ehiogu, Wise, Lee and Wilcox suffered the cruellest cut as Terry Venables unveiled his 22-man squad for the European championship .... **Page 48**

Cricket: Yorkshire overwhelmed Surrey to reach the semi-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup. They will be joined by Warwickshire, who beat Glamorgan.. **Page 44, 48**

Tennis: Jennifer Capriati, making her latest comeback, suffered a surprise defeat by the little-known Jing-Qing Yi, in the first round of the French Open .... **Page 46**

Basketball: Michael Jordan confirmed his pre-eminence in the sport when he scored 45 points against Orlando Magic to secure Chicago Bulls' place in the NBA championship finals .... **Page 42**

ARTS

Blues all weekend: It was fun, it was frenetic — and it came in 12-bar stretches. The London Blues Festival brought many top American names to the capital this weekend .... **Page 33**

Punk reincarnate: A roof-raising gig at the Forum confirmed the Irish punk-revivalists Ash as a discovery of the year .... **Page 33**

Brotherly elegy: One of Britain's finest young composers, Mark-Anthony Turnage, has written an evening-long piece in memory of his brother who died of a drug overdose last year .... **Page 35**

Child's play: An exhibition in Birmingham places the work of the Victorian children's book illustrator, Kate Greenaway, alongside that of her successors .... **Page 34**

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ FILMS
Geoff Brown reviews *Fargo* (left), the new film from the idiosyncratic Joel and Ethan Coen, plus the week's other new releases

■ BOOKS
Roger Scruton on *Dancing with Mr D*, case studies of a euthanasia doctor

FEATURES

Esquires as escorts: Men can turn a decent profit as an escort, and women feel in control if they hire one for an evening .... **Page 17**

Nigella Lawson asks why the Government feels it is safe to keep quiet about the levels of certain chemicals in formula milk .... **Page 17**

FASHION

Casual sensuality: Whether you call them chinos, khakis or Dockers, cotton trousers are now taking over from jeans as the relaxing wear .... **Page 16**

MEDIA

Petty tyrants: William Rees-Mogg thinks some newspaper editors have adopted a macho or virago attitude to hiring and firing journalists .... **Page 23**

HOMES

Out on a wing: Modern flats are being built behind the façades of country mansions, sharing grounds, drives and a grand entrance .... **Page 38**

THE PAPERS

The next move is up to the IRA. Mr Adams has worked hard to bring peace to his homeland but he cannot take the next step without the help of the IRA. There has not been a better opportunity in a generation to settle the Irish conflict

— *New York Times*

TV LISTINGS

Preview: Watch Stonehenge being built. *Secrets of Lost Empires* (BBC2, 9pm) **Review:** Lynne Truss on the travails of the cash-strapped artistocracy .... **Page 47**

OPINION

A voice for Ulster

The Unionist embrace of voices such as Conor Cruise O'Brien's — tolerant, intelligent and Catholic — will make it more likely that Ulster will win the stability that the Province needs .... **Page 19**

Turkey in trouble

Only by setting aside their personal animosities can Turkey's leaders give the country the responsible leadership it deserves .... **Page 19**

A sign of peace

Usually the running-down of stocks is seen as a sign of recession. In the Ministry of Defence it is a sign of peace .... **Page 19**

SIMON JENKINS

Hostilities began with a French customs officer ripping apart a British beef lorry without legal authority. That is what sent British forces into Belgium. They have gone as fools. They had better come back as heroes .... **Page 18**

GEORGE WALDEN

I shall continue to vote with the Government because I believe that most of what it is doing is right, and because I am not attracted to Labour or the Liberal Democrats. But for me, policy towards Europe is a defining issue. The Tories have weapons enough without Union Jacks made in Taiwan .... **Page 18**

ALAN COREN

They pointed out that Euro 96 was just a week away and Wembley Stadium only half a mile from where we stood. Which meant that for the three sporting weeks between June 8 and June 30, their street would be filled with countless sportsmen keen to bung bricks through their windows .... **Page 18**

Lord Margadale, Conservative MP for Salisbury and chairman of the 1922 committee; **Laurence Marks**, journalist .... **Page 21**

Judges and sentencing; trading in Europe; babies's milk; Ogoni murders; millennium priorities; hymns and anthems; living wills; rail privatisation .... **Page 19**

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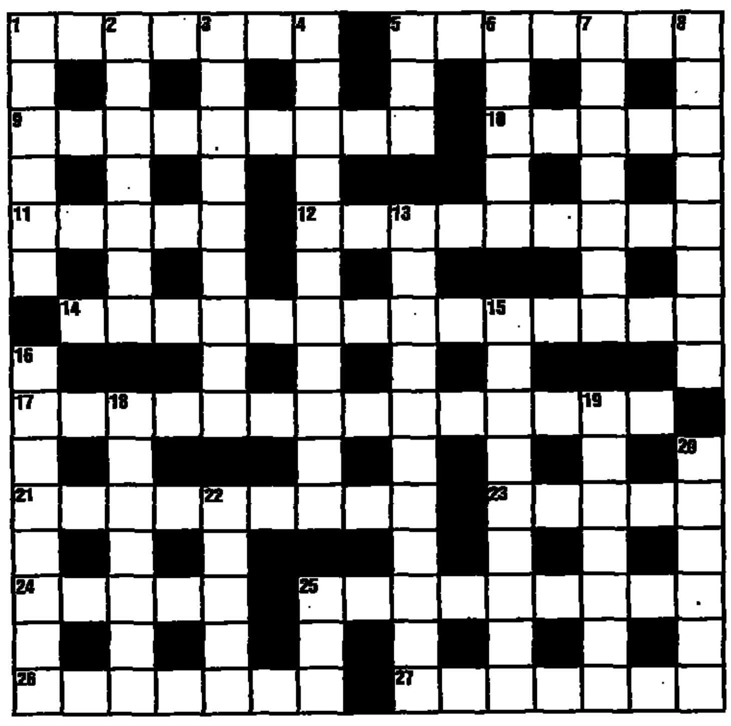

ACROSS

1 He's left the money demanded in this bar (7).
5 Soft, like some land in story about sower? (7).
9 What shows smile lapping milk, a funny old cat (9).
10 Get hold of doctor to contain most of inflammation (5).
11 Antelope that's invaded many a laager? (5).
12 Handyman working round the flats (5-4).
14 Passed on and became genuinely autobiographical? (4,2,3,5).
17 Brisk new horse'd get broken in here? (9,5).
21 English woman's ornament on uniform (9).
23 To show disapproval following thanks is socially unacceptable (5).
24 Tours developed on both sides of this river (5).
25 As rebel fighter, argue terribly about right and wrong (9).
26 Australians in mining group (7).
27 Little girl needs a lot of time to make a bit of mosaic (7).

DOWN

1 Intelligence shown in a little final piece from US (3,3).
2 Woodcutter who had a couple of scores to settle (3,4).
3 Those who know the ropes may be prophets keeping at a distance (9).
4 Completes the sentence and establishes a proposition? (5,1,5).
5 Such a number should be kept secret and secure (3).
6 One with zero urge to reform? (5).
7 Support against trouble may be just bluster (7).
8 Facilitate middle of text on page getting revised, cut (8).
13 A note about girl leading guys in successful outcome (11).
15 Favours theatrical acts worthy of applause (4,5).
16 Jack, and what he did, reportedly — descended at speed (8).
18 University's interpretation (7).
19 Plane finally unable to manoeuvre in clouds (7).
20 Boy attending a pianist's performance (6).
22 Faithful, say, when taken in by deception (5).
25 Boasting when decline is reversed (3).

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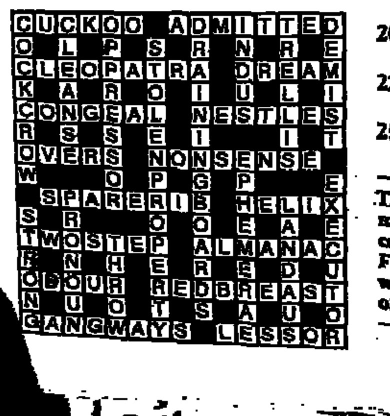

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Tivington, Somerset, 18C (64F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Inner Hebrides, 0.56in; highest sunshine: Clacton, Essex, 13.8hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** Much of England and Wales will start cloudy with some rain in the northeast and drizzle across southern areas. Drier and brighter weather will spread southeast across spread southeast across all parts except southern England and perhaps parts of South Wales.

Eastern Scotland will start cloudy with patchy rain but should become dry and bright through the morning. The rest of Scotland and Northern Ireland will be bright at first but will see light showers developing.

☐ **London, E Anglia, Cent S, SW England, E Midlands:** Cloudy, patchy drizzle. Becoming drier from northwest in afternoon. Wind west to southwest moderate becoming light later. Max 16C to 18C (61F to 64F).

☐ **SE England, Channel Isles:** Overcast and misty with occasional drizzle. Becoming drier from northwest late afternoon or evening. Wind west to southwest moderate to fresh becoming light later. Max 16C to 18C (61F to 64F).

☐ ***E, NW, Cent N England, W* Midlands, Wales, Lakes, IoM:** Rather cloudy at first but mostly dry. Becoming brighter from the northwest in most places, with sunshine at times in the afternoon. Wind west to southwest moderate becoming light. Max 16C to 18C (61F to 64F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Cloudy with patchy rain at first becoming mostly dry with sunny spells. Wind west to southwesterly moderate to fresh. Max 14C to 16C (57F to 61F).

☐ **SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** Sunny spells, showers developing. Wind west to southwesterly moderate or fresh locally strong. Max 14C to 16C (57F to 61F).

☐ **Outlook:** Rain spreading to north and west tomorrow, and remaining areas on Friday.

☐ **Pollen forecast:** low in all regions.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.46	9	48	r	Littlehmptn	5.9	0.01	15	59	b
Anglesey	3.2	0.04	12	54	d	London	6.5	0.01	16	61	b
Aspatria	4.0	0.03	13	55	r	Lowestoft	6.8	0.01	14	57	sh
Aviemore	X					Manchester	1.0	0.12	14	57	r
Belfast	X					Margate	10.0	-	17	63	b
Birmingham	1.3	0.01	14	57	r	Minehead	3.5	0.01	18	64	b
Bognor R	4.5	-	15	59	c	Morecambe	3.7	0.12	13	55	r
Bournem'th	3.4	0.01	13	55	c	Newcastle	X				
Bristol	2.2	0.01	14	57	c	Newquay	4.1	-	17	63	s
Buxton	2.1	0.04	12	54	sh	Norwich	X				
Cardiff	1.6	0.01	16	61	r	Oxford	X				
Clacton	13.8	-	14	57	s	Penzance	X	0.01	14	57	du
Colwyn Bay	3.8	0.06	16	61	c	Poole	4.5	-	15	59	c
Cromer	6.8	0.01	17	63	b	Prestatyn	X	0.06	14	57	r
Dunbar	X					Ross-o-wye	3.4	0.01	15	59	d
Eastbourne	7.0	-	14	57	s	Ryde	4.5	-	15	59	b
Edinburgh	X					Salcombe	3.1	0.01	14	57	c
Exmouth	2.5	0.02	13	55	c	Sandown	5.7	-	15	59	c
Falmouth	2.4	-	15	59	b	Sauntn Snd	4.1	-	17	63	b
Fishguard	2.5	0.01	14	57	r	Scarboro'	4.1	0.03	14	57	sh
Folkestone	10.2	0.01	14	57	s	Shanklin	6.2	-	13	55	b
Glasgow	X					Shrewsbury	3.3	0.07	13	55	r
Guernsey	2.5	-	16	61	c	Skegness	5.5	-	15	59	sh
Hastings	7.9	0.01	14	57	s	Southend	11.3	-	16	61	s
Hayling I.	5.0	-	14	57	c	Southport	3.4	0.06	15	59	r
Herne Bay	9.7	-	17	63	s	Southsea	4.1	-	14	57	c
Hove	8.1	-	15	59	s	Swanage	3.8	-	13	55	c
Hunstanton	6.0	-	16	61	r	Teignmouth	3.8	-	15	59	c
Ilfracombe	X					Tenby	X				
Isle of Man	4.0	0.22	11	52	r	Tiree	2.9	0.56	12	54	r
Jersey	3.0	-	17	63	b	Torquay	3.7	-	16	61	c
Kinloss	X					Ventnor	5.7	0.01	15	59	b
Leeds	4.7	0.02	16	59	r	West-s-mare	2.3	-	15	59	du
Lerwick	X					Weymouth	3.3	-	12	54	c

ABROAD

Ajaccio	21	70	s	Corfu	25	77	s	Majorca	24	75	s	Rome	21	70	f
Akrotiri	23	73	s	C'phagn	9	48	r	Malaga	24	75	s	S Fr'sco	17	63	s
Alex'dria	X			Dublin	14	57	c	Malta	25	77	s	S Paulo	23	73	f
Algiers	27	81	s	Dubrovnik	22	72	f	Melb'rne	13	55	s	Salzburg	13	55	r
Amst'dm	11	52	d	Faro	25	77	s	Mexico C	X			Santiago	18	64	s
Athens	25	77	s	Florence	20	68	f	Miami	29	84	r	Seoul	28	82	s
B Aires	16	61	s	Frankfurt	15	59	r	Milan	24	75	f	Sing'por	30	86	t
Bahrain	38	100	s	Funchal	21	70	s	Montreal	19	66	s	St'kholm	13	55	r
Bangkok	33	91	f	Geneva	16	61	r	Moscow	16	61	c	Strasb'rg	15	59	c
Barbados	30	86	s	Gibraltar	22	72	s	Munich	16	61	s	Sydney	18	64	s
Barcelona	21	70	s	Helsinki	11	52	r	N Delhi	38	100	s	Tangier	25	77	s
Beirut	25	77	f	Hong K	26	79	c	N York	16	61	s	Tel Aviv	27	81	s
Belgrade	25	77	s	Innsbrck	13	55	r	Nairobi	23	73	c	Tenerife	24	75	s
Berlin	17	63	r	Istanbul	21	70	s	Naples	22	72	f	Tokyo	24	75	f
Bermuda	23	73	f	Jeddah	38	100	s	Nice	21	70	s	Toronto	19	66	s
Biarritz	18	64	f	Jo'burg	11	52	f	Oslo	14	57	f	Tunis	29	84	s
Borde'x	18	64	c	L Angels	17	63	c	Paris	15	59	r	Valencia	29	84	s
Brussels	15	59	c	L Palmas	24	75	s	Peking	27	81	f	Vanc'ver	12	54	f
Budapest	21	70	s	Le Tquet	15	59	f	Perth	21	70	s	Venice	21	70	c
Cairo	32	90	s	Lisbon	26	79	s	Prague	11	52	f	Vienna	17	63	r
Cape Tn	27	81	s	Locarno	19	66	X	Reykjavik	9	48	f	Warsaw	17	63	r
Ch'church	11	52	X	Luxembg	12	54	c	Rhodes	24	75	s	Wash'ton	13	55	d
Chicago	11	52	f	Luxor	40	104	s	Rio de J	24	75	s	Wel'ngton	12	54	c
Cologne	13	55	c	Madrid	27	81	s	Riyadh	39	102	s	Zurich	14	57	f

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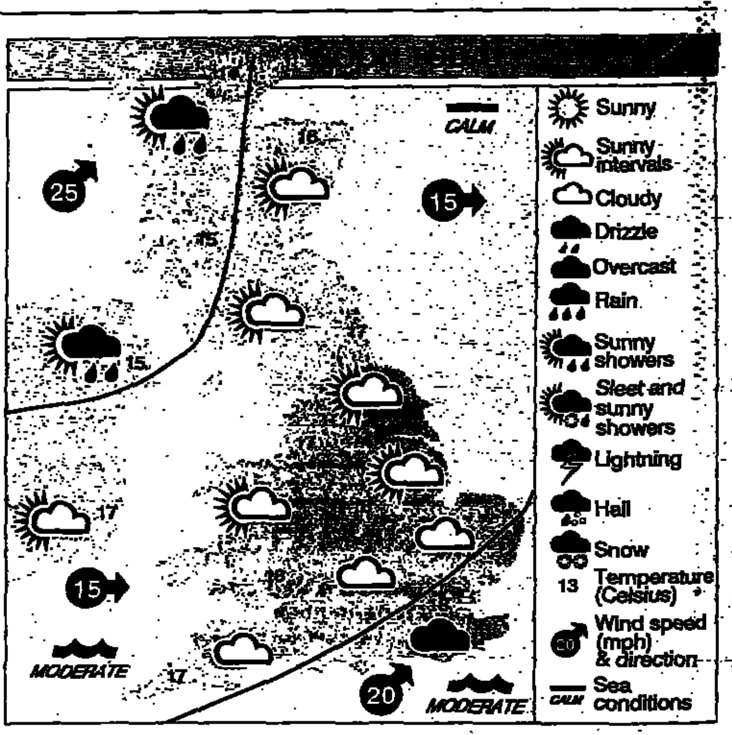

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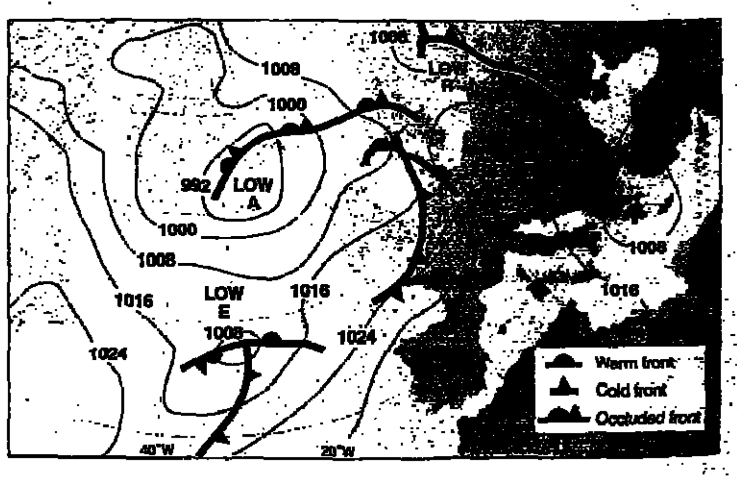

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Aberdeen	10:27	3.6	11:03	3.7	Liverpool	8:05	8.0	8:39	8.3
Avonmouth	3:45	11.0	4:21	11.3	Lowestoft	6:49	2.2	6:37	2.2
Belfast	7:58	3.2	8:33	3.2	Margate	9:02	4.2	9:18	4.2
Cardiff	3:43	9.9	4:18	10.1	Milford Haven	2:53	5.8	3:27	5.9
Devonport	2:19	4.6	3:01	4.7	Newquay	2:06	5.6	2:33	5.7
Dover	8:03	5.8	8:20	6.0	Oban	2:45	3.3	3:28	3.3
Dublin (N Wall)	8:41	3.6	9:05	3.6	Penzance	1:24	4.7	1:53	4.8
Falmouth	*1:54*	4.4	*2:24*	4.4	Portland	3:05	1.5	[illegible]	[illegible]
Greenock	9:13	2.9	10:15	2.9	Portsmouth	8:07	4.0	[illegible]	4.3
Harwich	8:36	3.5	9:01	3.5	Shoreham	8:06	5.2	8:32	5.8
Holyhead	7:17	4.8	7:52	5.0	Southampton	7:38	3.9	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hull (Albert D)	3:12	6.3	3:24	6.4	Swansea	2:59	8.0	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ilfracombe	2:37	7.8	3:12	8.0	Tees	0:22	4.6	12:44	[illegible]
King's Lynn	3:32	5.3	3:47	5.5	Walton-on-Naze	8:39	3.7	8:55	3.7

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 4.52 am
Sun sets: 9.05 pm
Moon sets 3.05 am
Moon rises 4.56 pm
Full moon June 1

London 9.05 pm to 4.51 am
Bristol 9.15 pm to 5.01 am
Edinburgh 9.43 pm to 4.37 am
Manchester 9.24 pm to 4.48 am
Penzance 9.20 pm to 5.19 am

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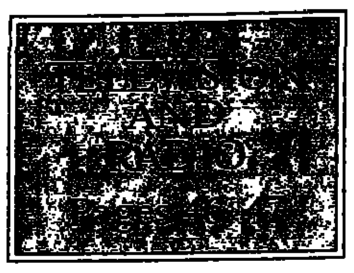

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Sale of 3i stake fuels talk of NatWest buyback

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

SPECULATION that NatWest is planning a £1 billion share buyback intensified yesterday when it revealed it was considering the £460 million sale of its shares in 3i, the venture capital firm.

The news sent 3i shares down 15p to 452p last night, while NatWest's shares closed 2p higher at 619p. Analysts said a share buyback of between £800 million and £1 billion, around the time of NatWest's interim results in July, was now a distinct possibility. There was also speculation yesterday that the bank might be considering using the funds to help to finance an acquisition, possibly of a life company.

Analysts said the bank is likely to sell at a small discount to the current share price. If it sells its entire 17.7 per cent stake at around 440p, valuing the shares at £460 million, it will make a profit of about £220 million over the value at which the shares are held in the balance sheet.

The shares are likely to be sold in the middle of next month, after the publication of 3i's results for the year to March 31 next week. The sale will be through a placing with institutional investors, although private investors will be able to apply for shares through financial intermediaries. NatWest Securities and de Zoete & Bevan have been appointed brokers to the sale, with NatWest Securities coordinating the bookbuilding process.

A NatWest spokesman said the 3i shareholding "has been a very successful investment for us, but it is not a strategic holding. We have our own successful venture capital operation." He said the bank felt that this was the right time to realise the value of the stake.

He added that the bank's focus had altered after the decision last year to sell its US subsidiary, NatWest Bancorp. The $3.5 billion sale to Fleet Financial was completed at the beginning of the month. NatWest has also announced plans to acquire Gartmore, the fund manager, for £472 million.

The spokesman said Derek Wanless, NatWest's chief executive, had indicated that the bank was now concentrating on developing its UK financial services business, building NatWest Markets internationally and expanding its private banking arm. Given this, he said, the bank made "a free standing decision" to sell the 3i stake, given the value it can now extract from the holding.

3i said that it welcomed the proposed sale, "which would increase the liquidity of the company's equity and would provide a good opportunity to attract new shareholders". The company was founded more than 50 years ago by the banks. The banks sold just under 50 per cent of their shares when 3i was floated in July 1994 at 272p a share.

NatWest's decision to sell follows the sale of 3i shareholdings last June by the Bank of England, Midland, Barclays and Lloyds and a further sale by Midland in January.

If it sells its entire stake, NatWest Markets will continue to have an interest in 6.8 per cent of shares, held by its fund management operations.

John Melbourn, deputy chief executive of NatWest, is expected to retain his seat on the 3i's board.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3760.2	(+8.1)
Yield	4.02%	
FT-SE A All share	1889.89	(+4.02)
Nikkei	21944.53	(+244.77)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5722.22	(-40.64)*
S&P Composite	673.62	(-4.89)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¼%*	(5¼%)
Long Bond	89⁹⁄₃₂*	(89¹³⁄₃₂)
Yield	6.85%*	(6.84%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6¹⁄₁₆%	(6¹⁄₁₆%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	106¹¹⁄₃₂	(106¹¹⁄₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5130*	(1.5120)
London:		
$	1.5129	(1.5129)
DM	2.3415	(2.3310)
FFr	7.9195	(7.8813)
SFr	1.9271	(1.9136)
Yen	164.26	(162.89)
£ Index	85.1	(84.9)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5475*	(1.5432)
FFr	5.2355*	(5.2200)
SFr	1.2735*	(1.2685)
Yen	108.57*	(107.90)
$ Index	97.9	(97.2)

Tokyo close Yen 108.20

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Aug)	$18.40	($18.40)

GOLD

London close	$392.15	($390.85)

* denotes midday trading price

Hostile ScottishPower bid sends water shares soaring

By Christine Buckley

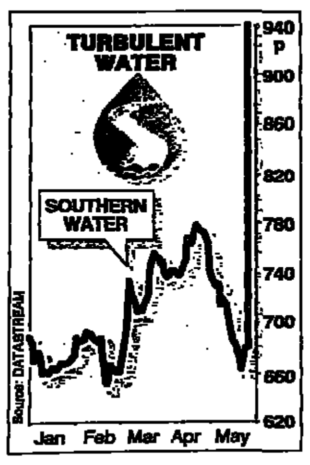
A NEW round of takeovers and mergers in the privatised water sector looks certain after ScottishPower launched a hostile £1.56 billion bid for Southern Water.

Water shares rose sharply amid expectations of similar approaches from electricity and gas companies preparing for intense competition after deregulation of their core markets, due by by 1998.

Shares in Wessex Water rose 24p to 332p and Thames Water 17p to 564p, while Yorkshire Water added 53p to 690p and Anglian Water closed 32p higher at 572p.

Southern Water closed 260p higher at 941p, while ScottishPower fell 17p to 319p. Shares in Southern Electric, which is expected to make a rival bid, fell 26p to 726p.

ScottishPower is offering Southern Water shareholders £9.75 per share, comprising 536.34p cash and 128 new ScottishPower shares for every 100 Southern Water shares. There is an alternative cash offer of 935.7p per share.The cash and shares offer, which marks a 43 per cent premium on Friday's closing price, also promises a price cut for customers. A reduction of 3 per cent — about £7.50 on an annual bill — is offered from April 1998. Such a reduction is two years sooner than any cuts which will be delivered in the next price review set for 2000.



Ian Robinson, chief executive of ScottishPower, said: "It will be easier to market other services to existing customers who are used to a brand identity." But he denied that the positioning secured a strategic stranglehold. "We're not looking to swamp the whole country."

The move, which would make ScottishPower the country's largest multi-utility, serving 5 million households, heralds a long battle for Southern Water. Southern Electric, whose area of operation overlaps with Southern Water, was last night locked in talks which it said it hoped would lead to a recommended offer.

Labour and the Consumers Association criticised the ScottishPower bid. John Battle, shadow energy minister, said: "This is another stage in the wave of takeovers, sales and bid speculation from which shareholders have profited and the consumer has been merely an afterthought."

Last year ScottishPower acquired Manweb, the regional electricity company serving Merseyside and parts of North Wales, for £1.1 billion.

Southern Water, which serves 1.8 million households, will take part in the next round of competition in domestic gas next year. The second tranche of trials, in which ScottishPower will also participate, is expected to prove a more realistic testing ground for full competition than the present trial in the South West which covers only 500,000 homes.

Power play: Ian Russell, finance director of ScottishPower, left, and Ian Robinson, chief executive, yesterday

ScottishPower's bid for Southern would be accompanied by an expansion of the Scottish company's high-street retailing outlets, through which it will market both electricity and gas.

The main generators for England and Wales — National Power and PowerGen — are certain to be reassessing their position after their attempts to expand into electricity supply were both blocked by the Government last month. A takeover of a water company would provide easy access to homes to which other services can then be marketed.

The Office of Water Regulation and its electricity counterpart will in the next few days issue a joint consultation paper on the bid. But it is unlikely either will raise objections.

Southern Electric would seek to fuse more services and form tighter physical links with Southern Water, resulting in substantial job losses. Southern Water has advised shareholders to take no action until terms of an offer by Southern Electric are made public.

Threat to Facia shop sales

By Jason Nisse

LANDLORDS of up to 250 shops sold by Sears to Facia, Stephen Hinchliffe's troubled retailer, are opposing the transfer of the leases. This means that if Facia runs into financial difficulties all the leases, with an annual rent in the region of £20 million, will end up back with Sears.

None of the 379 shops bought by Facia from Sears in two deals, one last August, the other in February, have actually been transferred to Facia.

Sears said that it will be retaining around 130 freehold or long leasehold shops to sell separately, but would pass the leases of the other 250 to Facia by selling a Sears trading company called Saxone Ltd.

This deal has not gone through, and a number of landlords have said they will oppose any such move.

"We have not consented to any assignments to Facia," said Stuart Beevor, director of property at Legal & General, which owns some of the stores. "We have not seen any trading accounts for Facia and until we see them we will not consent to any transfers."

Facia has yet to produce accounts, which were due last November, and has been given until July 1 to file them or face prosecution. Separately, Mr Hinchliffe and a fellow director are facing action to disqualify them as directors.

Sears has now restructured the deal so that it can force through the transfer even if landlords object. By selling Saxone Ltd to Facia, the landlords will inherit Mr Hinchliffe as a tenant. Sears says it hopes to complete the deal by July 31.

British Energy's liabilities criticised

By Paul Durman

THE start of the £4 million advertising campaign to sell shares in British Energy, the company formed around the UK's newest nuclear power stations, was yesterday greeted by accusations that the Government has grossly underestimated the firm's long-term liabilities.

Environmental groups joined with the Labour Party to criticise the British Energy sale, the last big privatisation before the election, as a bad deal for the taxpayer. The company's estimated stock market value, of between £1.5 billion and £2.1 billion, is much less than the £3 billion cost of building Sizewell B, its pressurised water reactor.

British Energy is putting £16 million a year into a fund to meet the costs of decommissioning power stations at the end of their generating lives. Dr Patrick Green, a senior energy campaigner for Friends of the Earth, said: "Taxpayers are going to end up with a huge bill to clean up the nuclear legacy."

In spite of the uncertainties over long-term costs and nervousness about nuclear safety, many in the City believe British Energy will prove a good bet for investors.

At least 30 per cent of the shares will be available to the public, with more being made available if demand is strong. As with Railtrack, private investors will receive a discount, of about 5 per cent, on the price paid by institutional investors.

The pathfinder prospectus will be published on June 10. Share dealings are expected to begin in mid-July.

Major to extol virtues of Europe in video for CBI

By Oliver August

THE Government's beef war with Europe is set to embarrass the CBI over a European roadshow that it is to launch in co-operation with John Major next week. The Prime Minister is scheduled to appear in a promotional video extolling the benefits of European integration for business.

The video will be shown at a travelling exhibition called Business in Europe Week and is part of a year-long CBI campaign for a more positive attitude towards European integration. Video producers and organisers of the £300,000 campaign are bewildered by Mr Major's intention to block all progress in the EU. Mr Major's agreement to present the CBI video would appear to indicate that he advocates both co-operation and non co-operation in Europe.

Mr Major's appearance at the launch is to be filmed and inserted into the video, which will be shown in Bristol, Edinburgh, Birmingham and Leeds early next month.

This latest rift has exposed growing differences over Europe between the Government and many leading businessmen. While the Government has continually toughened its stance, the CBI is anxious to emphasise the potential benefits of European integration.

Niall FitzGerald, vice-chairman of Unilever and chairman of the CBI's Europe committee, said: "This campaign is all about putting business interests back at the top of the agenda. It will provide the objective, factual information on European issues that companies want."

Camelot set to announce £70m profits

CAMELOT, the company that runs the National Lottery, is set to announce record pre-tax profits of around £70 million next week.

While the obvious winners are Camelot's shareholders — Cadbury Schweppes, De La Rue, ICL, GTech and Racal Electronics — there are many other beneficiaries from the weekly lottery spend of up to £90 million. BT bills Camelot £11 million a year for servicing the network of 22,000 online terminals, and that is set to rise as the number of terminals increases.

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Barings executive banned over Leeson illegal deal

By Robert Miller

A FORMER senior executive of Barings was yesterday found guilty by a senior City watchdog of failing to adequately investigate a bogus £50 million trade carried out by Nick Leeson and of seeking to persuade auditors "to exclude all refererence to it from the audit management letter".

Geoffrey Broadhurst, head of group finance at Barings at the time of the £860 million crash, was removed from the registers of directors and managers by the Securities and Futures Authority, the regulator for brokers and futures dealers, for his role in failing to monitor properly Leeson's fraudulent trading activities. The SFA said Mr Broadhurst, who was also ordered to pay £10,000 costs, did not "understand, control and reconcile the provision of funding" to Baring (Futures) Singapore nor did he properly investigate and act upon the bogus £50 million trade with SLK, a New York brokerage firm.

Other senior executives with the merchant bank at the time last year's crash are understood to be appealing against the SFA findings and proposed disciplinary actions. No announcement has yet been made in relation to Ron Baker, former head of Barings financial products group, and Mary Walz, who was in charge of equity financial products.

James Bax, one of Leeson's immediate bosses in Barings's Singapore office and whose role was also under investigation by the SFA, is now believed to be back in the UK.

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John Carpenter.

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BT to cut business tariffs by £220m

By Eric Reguly

BRITISH TELECOM yesterday launched its most ambitious effort to win back business customers *by making* across-the-board price cuts that will total £220 million a year.

The reductions will come into effect in July and are likely to be followed by similar cuts next year.

BT's goal is to increase *its presence in the business* market, where its share has fallen furthest. The company has fewer than half the customers in the City of London, the business market's richest prize.

The £220 million price reduction for business customers will take the total cuts this year to about £400 million, or about £100 *million more than the level* required by Oftel, the regulator for the telecommunications industry.

Under the Oftel price controls, BT must reduce its overall prices each year by the *retail prices index*, less 7.5 per cent. BT has gone beyond the minimum requirement in an effort to become more *competitive in the business* sector.

Reductions after mid-1997 will be set by Oftel's new price cap, whose level is to be determined within a couple of weeks.

The next cap may be just as tight as the current one, but it is thought likely that it will cover a narrower range of services.

BT has argued that controls are needed only in *areas where it has* clear domination, such as residential line rentals.

The company added that the business tariffs will make existing discount packages about 10 *per cent cheaper*.

JOHN POTTER

Plysu, the plastic containers company, lifted pre-tax profits to £6.9 million from £6.47 million in the year to March 31. The company, whose chief executive is Malcolm Macintyre (pictured, centre, with directors Nicholas Templeton-Ward, left, and Stephen Nobbs), has lifted the total dividend from 7p to 7.35p, with a 5.35p final

Dairy administration threatens 1,000 jobs

By Oliver August

ONE thousand jobs came under threat yesterday at Cricket St Thomas Dairies in Somerset after the appointment of an administrator, while elsewhere in the dairy *industry the former processing* arm of the Milk Marketing Board is expected to announce flotation plans today.

Cricket St Thomas failed to achieve expected efficiency *gains and was granted the* appointment of administrators at the High Court on Sunday.

Its difficulties were compounded over the last two months as milk sales were *depressed after the bovine* spongiform encephalopathy (BSE)scare. The collapse of the milk export market led to a surplus that depressed prices in spite of the lack of scientific evidence linking milk to BSE.

Murdoch McKillop, a part*ner at Arthur Andersen, the* accountancy firm, and a joint administrator, said: "At this stage, it is far too early to indicate if the business will be sold or re-constructed but we are hopeful that we will be *able to find a way forward. In* the meantime, the dairy will be delivering milk to customers as usual."

The Somerset company has an annual turnover of £90 million and employs 400 *people at its dairy and 600 at* its 16 depots. It supplies milk and cream products to supermarkets, retailers and on a doorstep delivery service.

Arthur Andersen said the decision to put the dairy into administration meant it would *continue to trade as a going* concern and provided a "realistic prospect of finding a solution to the current difficulties".

The administrator is currently conducting a detailed *appraisal of trading and* financial prospects.

Mr McKillop said the company had encountered a "serious cash-flow crisis" after plans to consolidate milk production at Cricket St Thomas *had proved to be more com*plex than anticipated. "The situation is complex and certain on-going issues need to be resolved before we can determine the best way forward for the business," he added.

After unveiling the final *results*, Dairy Crest, the former processing arm of the now-defunct Milk Marketing Board, is set to seek a stock market listing today, despite the industry's problems with BSE.

Dairy Crest has been considering a flotation for several months and said in early December last year that it was still prepared for a full listing on the London Stock Exchange.

The company is expected to be valued at £200 million.

Tax rush Peps up unit sales

By Robert Miller

A LAST-MINUTE rush of *money* from investors out to beat the taxman through personal equity plans (Peps) helped unit trust groups to their second successive month of record sales of more than £1 billion.

The Association of Unit Trusts and *Investment Funds* (Autif) said yesterday that net *retail unit* trust sales of £1.1 billion in April, an increase of £72 million on the previous month, were boosted by the £369 million handed over in the first few days of last month prior to the end of the tax year on April 5. *Sales of unit trust* Peps in April were a shade over £1 billion, compared with £990 million in March and £372 million a year ago.

Funds under management among the 164 unit trust *companies managing* 1,646 funds rose to £127 billion in April, compared with £121 billion the previous month, while the number of unit*holder accounts at 7.3 million* is up one million on a year ago.

Autif said that for the ninth month in succession the UK gilt and fixed-interest sector was the most popular, attracting *£230 million of which £209* million was invested in corporate-bond Peps.

Commenting on the latest sales figures, Philip Warland, director-general of Autif, said: "There is little doubt that *maturing* Tessa money is being invested in better performing vehicles like unit trust Peps."

Net unit trust sales to City institutions were again on the low side, although they returned to a positive net inflow of £19 million against a £64 million *outflow the* previous month.

Gross unit trust sales of £800 million were "brought down substantially" by a £194 million withdrawal of funds from the Far East, *excluding the Japan sector*, according to Autif.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

SFO investigates Titan Business Club

THE Serious Fraud Office has launched a preliminary investigation into an international money-making scheme that has attracted £20 million and has been described in Parliament by David Rendel, the Liberal Democrat MP for Newbury, as "an iniquitous pyramid-selling scam". Files relating to the Titan Business Club and its associate companies in the UK have been passed to the SFO by the Department of Trade and Industry, which has started moves in the *High Court to close it down*.

The Securities and Investments Board, the chief City watchdog, *has also offered assistance* to the DTI after *The Times* revealed that Titan, which originates in Germany, *planned to* seek a listing on the Nasdaq stock market in the US. The Titan operation is estimated to have raised £20 million from about 8,000 people since last October.

Power firm targets AIM

INDEPENDENT ENERGY HOLDINGS, *which generates* and markets electricity direct to customers, is seeking *admission to the* Alternative Investment Market via a share placing. The placing price is 100p a share, raising £3.2 million and valuing the company at £13.1 million. Share dealings are expected to begin on Friday. Independent Energy has interests in a number of onshore gasfields in the UK from which it can *supply gas-fired electricity generators*.

Kloeckner group at risk

THE future of Kloeckner-Humboldt-Deutz, the German engineer, hangs in the balance after allegations that executives *at a subsidiary concealed losses for years*. KHD and Deutsche Bank, the company's largest investor and creditor, held weekend talks to find some way to offset the damage, which KHD said would total "hundreds of millions of marks". Trading in KHD shares was suspended before the Frankfurt stock exchange opened yesterday.

Whitbread invests £105m

WHITBREAD INNS has promised to create more than 2,700 new jobs this year by opening 70 family pubs at a cost of £105 million. A further 52 Brewers Fayre pubs will open, in addition to the 50 set up last year, to expand the chain to more *than 330 outlets, while 20 local* pubs will be converted into Family Inns. By the end of 1996, almost 25 per cent of Whitbread Inns' 1,650 outlets will have *special* catering facilities for families, the company said.

Queens Moat warns

STANLEY METCALFE, Queens Moat Houses chairman, gave *warning that trading conditions* in Continental Europe remain difficult. But he told the annual meeting that overall trading was "satisfactory" during the first part of the year, with the company raising its rooms performance in the UK. The company has made a series of cost efficiencies to help improve its performance in Germany, France and Belgium, where trading remains tough.

Fujitsu leaps 54%

STRONG microchip sales underpinned a 54.1 per cent rise in profits at Fujitsu, Japan's leading computer manufacturer and the parent company of ICL of Britain, to 156.66 billion *yen (£980 million) in the year to March 31, on sales 15 per cent* higher at Y3.76 billion. However, declining prices are expected to put pressure on margins in the current year. The company has forecast a fall in profits to Y140 billion for the year to March 1997 despite a rise in revenue to Y4.36 billion.

Nissan back in black

NISSAN MOTOR Co, Japan's second-biggest carmaker, returned to profit last year, helped by brisk domestic sales and cost-cutting. In the year to March 31 profits were Y32.43 billion (£198.7 million), compared with losses of Y61.07 billion the previous year. The result exceeded Nissan's own prediction of a Y25 billion profit. Like other major Japanese carmakers, including Toyota, the industry leader, Nissan has *cut costs and streamlined its business*.

Date set for hearing on cash for BCCI creditors

LIQUIDATORS of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) will go to the High Court on July 15 to seek special arrangements for payments to British creditors, *sources familiar* with the collapsed bank said yesterday.

BCCI was shut down in 1991 with debts of more than $12 billion. The liquidators, Deloitte & Touche, declined to comment yesterday, but *sources said the need for a court* hearing arose because of differences between British and Luxembourg accounting laws.

In Britain, when a firm goes into liquidation, creditors claim the *difference* between their loans and deposits. In Luxembourg, creditors must repay loans before they can claim for their deposits.

Deloitte & Touche has said the amount paid to creditors is *subject* to court decisions, but creditors are expected to get *about 20 per cent of their* claims by the summer.

Economy in US 'to grow by 2.5%'

US business analysts now say the national economy will *expand by* 2.5 per cent *this* year, up from a February estimate of 1.9 per cent, with inflation held to 2.9 per cent.

The National Association of Business Economists (NABE) also predicted that the Federal Reserve, *the US central* bank, would hold interest rates steady over the next six months, despite high levels of employment and a strong *second* quarter performance.

The projection was underscored by reports on sales of existing homes and consumer confidence. Home sales unexpectedly rose 0.5 per cent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual *rate of 4.22 million* units, the second highest rate on record, according to the National Association of Realtors (NAR), while the Conference Board said its consumer confidence index continued *to point to* moderate economic growth and spending.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.00	1.84
Austria Sch	17.44	15.94
Belgium Fr	51.00	46.70
Canada $	2.183	2.023
Cyprus Cyp£	0.753	0.698
Denmark Kr	9.59	8.79
Finland Mkk	7.78	7.13
France Fr	8.31	7.68
Germany Dm	2.49	2.28
Greece Dr	384	359
Hong Kong $	12.38	11.35
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.35	4.70
Italy Lira	2467	2312
Japan Yen	177.80	161.80
Malta	0.590	0.535
Netherlds Gld	2.765	2.535
New Zealand $	2.38	2.14
Norway Kr	10.54	9.74
Portugal Esc	250.50	232.00
S Africa Rd	7.18	6.38
Spain Pta	201.50	186.50
Sweden Kr	10.95	10.15
Switzerland Fr	2.05	1.87
Turkey Lira	122283	114283
USA $	1.610	1.480

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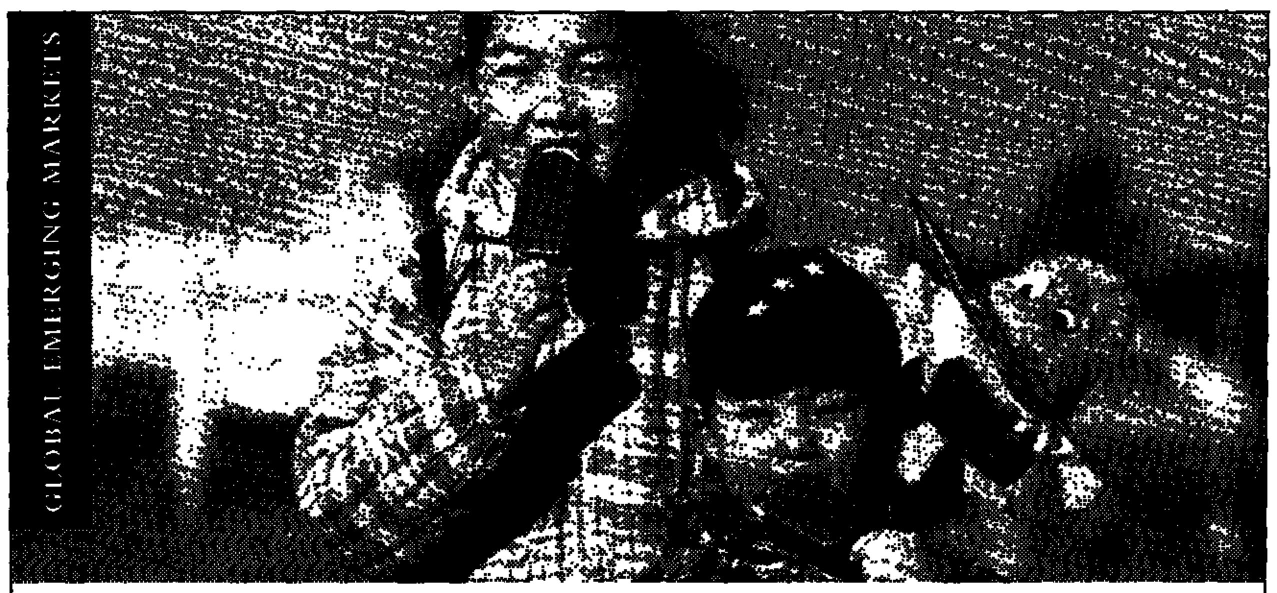

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☐ Water buyers should pay through the nose ☐ Sliding down a familiar track ☐ Barings victims still owed fair share

Some serious competition, please

☐ WE HAVE all been here before, and an unedifying sight it was. *The water sector is now set* for the sort of undignified scramble that took half the regional electricity companies off the menu last year. To extend the parallel, we might now expect to look back in a year's time on ScottishPower's bid for Southern Water as an absolute steal.

After their abject failure to wrest any benefits to the consumer out of the electricity takeovers, it is up to the competition authorities, the industry regulator and even the Government, heaven help us, to start work now to prevent that from happening again.

Valuing utilities is notoriously difficult. But ScottishPower is offering 12 times last year's earnings for a company whose regulatory regime stretches only until the year 2000. In other words, it is assuming, disregarding interest costs and other variables, that Southern will be here in unchanged form until 2008. A Labour government and a tougher regulator could make the business worthless by the next review — or even sooner.

It is a truism that if someone wants to buy your business for more than it is worth they are either fools — in which case cash the cheque immediately — or they have spotted extra value not immediately obvious. *Assume* the latter in the case of ScottishPower, which picked up Manweb last year for a price that with hindsight looks cheap. The Scots want access to 1.8 million Southern customers, to whom they can sell their own gas next year and electricity in 1998.

Southern Electric, by contrast, wants Southern Water to deny the Scots, or anyone else, easy access to that customer base so it can continue to sell to them. Both, therefore, have good reasons for bidding, and Water is wisely biding its time before naming a preferred suitor. If they want the water company badly enough, they should be required to pay both shareholders and consumers to get it.

This elementary piece of common sense was *missed* during the last bidding war in utilities, when a Texan business lost out to North West Water for Norweb. Yet Ian Byatt, the water regulator, has already required that bids within the industry compete in terms of what they offer the *consumer as well as the shareholder.* There seems no reason why that principle should not be extended further.

ScottishPower has tacitly started off this bidding round by offering 3 per cent off water bills *from April 1998, as well as 975p* cash. Other potential bidders, including Southern Electric, should be required to beat this, or see their offers stalled with the MMC. Some proper competition this time around, please.

Mathematics of the car boot sale

☐ *DÉJA vu,* part two: the privatisation of British Energy, now so hard to distinguish from Railtrack that investors might just as well not bother with the prospectus but send in a copy of their earlier applications. Just as well that this is the last such sell-off, because they are acquiring a tiresome familiarity.

First, take the unsaleable, either the country's much-despised rail network or all those terrifying nukes. Start off at a low price, and then allow the City to ratchet it down to perhaps tenth what it is worth — the nuclear stations cost the taxpayer £13 billion to build and they will be worth, if lucky, £1.5 billion.

Then apply opposing pressure, by threatening to sell a large chunk of the business to the *private investor.* This could deprive the City institutions, especially those whose daring approach to share selection involves taking whatever is available in exactly the same proportion as the next player. These may have to scramble about on the stock market to buy the shares they need.

Next, launch an advertising campaign that *makes* no reference to the business on offer but merely tips off the punters that a real snip is heading their way, *courtesy of privatisation.* Slip in a few extras, in case the deal does not turn out to be quite sweet enough. Await the first day scramble for deliberately underpriced equity, and congratulate yourself for another "success".

With British Energy, we are now up to the marketing launch and just ahead of the hand-out of the little extras. We will this time at least miss the special dividend arrangements that paid Railtrack investors an additional £69 million. Dividends are meant to reflect the risk involved in holding the shares, but not in that case — the payment partly covered the period before they were sold. Just what little bonuses will have to be provided this time instead?

Perhaps they will not be needed. The advisers are pointing to the "success" of Railtrack, now worth 18 per cent more than it was sold for, as an omen for the British Energy float. On that basis, another "success" looks guaranteed.

Charity begins at home for ING

☐ WHEN ING bought most of Barings, the Dutch gained a fine business by having the courage that eluded the likes of NatWest. They also bought enduring embarrassment. Most insiders were looked after — traders and managers have been paid many millions in bonuses geared to Nick Leeson's phantom profits.

Many outsiders, including the Baring Foundation and bond and preference holders who thought the Bank of England's imprimatur meant something, lost out. Had the false bonuses not been paid, individual bondholders and charities could have been. Do not blame ING, which has already made some payments where it is in line and has made a gesture to the foundation. Beyond the principals within Barings, fault looms largest at the Bank of England. But ING faces the embarrassment.

One face of it is the Abbot of *Downside, who brings a prel*ate's gaze to the unruly house of Mammon on behalf of a charity. Father Charles has now taken his campaign to the Commons Treasury Select Committee.

Another ever-present, if silent, voice of disapproval is the collective one of traders in financial markets, especially in the Far East. For many of them, Barings has lost honour and failed to redeem itself. It is no longer the trading partner of preference, but only of last resort.

If ING is to realise the true potential of Barings, it needs to dispel the nasty taste lingering from the bank's fall and rise, by squaring at least individual and charitable bond and preference holders, if not all. That *might most sensibly* be done by giving them a claim on future income. And if staff were invited to divi up half their false bonuses, and the names of volunteers and refusees were published, Barings might finally be rehabilitated.

Sun Life set to raise up to £600m from public offer

By Marianne Curphey

SUN Life, the UK life company wholly owned by Union des Assurances de Paris (UAP), the French insurer, expects to raise between £450 million and £600 million from *its proposed initial public offer* of shares next month.

The pathfinder prospectus was published yesterday and bookbuilding starts in Britain and America with a full prospectus on June 10. Robert Fleming is financial adviser and global co-ordinator.

UAP will retain a majority stake of between 51 and 75 per cent, depending on the response from institutions. It *will use the proceeds to pay off* debts of £600 million from recent acquisitions. UAP will undertake in the underwriting agreement that it will not dispose of ordinary shares for one year from listing.

The new quoted company will be called Sun Life and Provincial Holdings (SLP). It will comprise three separate companies: Sun Life, the fourth largest UK life insurer, which sells mostly pensions and some investments; Provincial, which sells general insurance; and New Ireland, a life and pensions provider in the Republic of Ireland. The outstanding debt is a result of *the acquisition of 50 per cent of* Sun Life from TransAtlantic Holdings in 1995 and the purchase of Provincial in November 1994.

The offer next month will comprise an offer of ordinary *shares to certain institutional* investors in the UK, the US and the rest of the world and to the public in the UK, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man.

UAP will have the right to nominate directors to the board of SLP, and future development of international business. Michael Hart, chief executive of SLP, said SLP was a holding company, not a composite insurer. "Each of *the businesses which make up* the Sun Life and Provincial Holdings Group has proven management, a clear strategy, and a good track record."

The first dividend will be paid in May 1997 and will be *the final payout for the year to* December 31 1996. Any interims will be paid in November.

The company said it would have expected to recommend a total net dividend for 1995 of 9.2 pence per ordinary share, making a gross dividend of 11.5p. In 1995, Sun Life made a pre-tax profit of £90 million.

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Blacks surges to £2m

By Sarah Bagnall

A STRONG retail perfor*mance helped Blacks Leisure,* the sports goods and leisure retailer, to lift pre-tax profits from £610,000 to £2.1 million in the year to February 29.

The advance came on sales of £68.3 million, up from £65.6 *million in the previous year.* The news lifted the shares 17p to 147p. Profits were held back by a loss on the sale of Quasersport and trading losses by discontinued businesses of £1.12 million.

The retail performance was helped by a 22 per cent leap in like-for-like sales at First Sport, which sells technical sports equipment. The Blacks Outdoor chain had a tough first nine months due to mild weather but trading recovered, almost offsetting earlier falls.

The final dividend was lifted from 1.5p to 1.75p, making an annual total of 2.5p, (2.25p). The dividend, due October 4, is payable from earnings of 5.54p (1.62p) a share.

Dentist braced to join market

By Sarah Bagnall

WHITECROSS, a chain of six *dental practices, is to join the* Alternative Investment Market (AIM), becoming the first dental business to obtain a stock market listing (Sarah Bagnall writes).

The company is raising *£825,000 through a placing* of 982,143 shares at 84p a share. The offer — representing 24 per cent of the company — values Whitecross at £3.5 million. The funds will help finance the group's planned expansion in a market worth about £1.5 billion a year.

Whitecross, which is loss-making, plans to open a further nine high street practices in London over the next five years. Each practice costs about £350,000 to establish and as a result Whitecross intends to raise a further £785,000 from a combination of bank debt and finance leases.

Whitecross lost £264,000 in the year to December 31 on sales of £2.2 million. The *result reflected start-up costs* for three new practices and an increase in staffing costs to a level high enough to operate a 15-strong chain.

The placing will reduce the holdings of the three company *directors with shares from 13* per cent to 9.9 per cent each. The directors' combined shareholding of 30 per cent will be worth more than £1 million, based upon the placing price.

The *directors* have given a projection of the group's financial future, but they stress this is not a forecast. Over the next two years Whitecross is projected to lose £172,000 and then make a £305,000 pre-tax profit, rising to £707,000 in 2000. Based upon these projections the company does not expect to pay a dividend for at least three years. However, once able, Whitecross intends to adopt a progressive dividend policy.

Smurfit has rethink on bonus pay

From Eileen McCabe in Dublin

JEFFERSON SMURFIT, the paper and packaging group, has bowed to pressure from fund managers by changing a proposed bonus package for Michael Smurfit, chairman and chief executive, that could *have been worth up to* Ir£5 million a year.

The original package, outlined in the annual report, proposed two sets of payments: an annual bonus of up to Ir£2.5 million a year, based on the company's profit performance; and a long-term plan annual payment, based on share price and paid dividends. The combined payments were to be capped at a total of Ir£20 million over the next four years. The company is expected to present a rejigged package at its annual meeting in Dublin tomorrow, with new performance-related elements and assurances that institutional guidelines will be considered in future.

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Scottish Power bid puts utilities back in favour

THE spotlight returned to the utility sector as a fresh wave of takeover talk swept the sector after Scottish Power's £1.56 billion hostile bid for Southern Water set the market alight.

Southern Water shares surged 260p to 941p, with Scottish Power's offer worth 975p a share, while a full cash alternative is worth 935.7p a share. However, traders said that it may not be plain sailing for the Scottish power group, which last year succeeded in buying Manweb in a £1.1 billion deal. Southern Electric, Southern Water's utility neighbour, signalled it was also interested in making a bid, making the likelihood of a takeover battle very likely.

Southern Electric, however, is half the size of Scottish Power and analysts said it may need a rights issue of up to £500 million to help to fund such move. It also remains to be seen how National Power, which retains an 8 per cent stake in Southern, will react. **Southern Electric** retreated 26p to 726p, while **National Power** firmed 2½p to 519½p.

Other utility groups were pushed higher on the news as traders tried to predict other possible bid targets. **Yorkshire Water** surged 53p to 690p, while **Thames** added 17p to 564p, **Wessex** 24p to 332p, **Severn Trent** 19½p to 561p and **Anglian** 32p to 572p. **United Utilities** jumped 25p to 581p on reports that tomorrow's final results may carry a bumper dividend.

The renewed bid acvtivity provided a lift for the rest of the equity market, though dealers reported very thin volumes and a negative start on Wall Street dented sentiment in late London trading. The FT-SE 100 index closed below its best, ending up 8.1 points at 3,760.2. Second-liners, fuelled by the utilities, were more buoyant, with the FT-SE 250 finishing 14.4 points higher at 4,504.4. Volume only reached 528 million shares.

British Telecom was a good market, adding 5½p to 340p, as volume swelled to more than ten million shares on a day when it announced price cuts for its UK business customers. BT was boosted after Morgan Stanley, the American securities house, issued a buy recommendation on the stock and upgraded its profit forecast.

Paul Marsch, telecoms analyst at Morgan Stanley, said that the BT share price has been weak since the Cable & Wireless deal collapsed, while he feels that regulatory uncertainty may have been overdone. He adds that the valuation appears cheap on a dividend growth and yield basis, while the balance sheet strength provides further support. Mr Marsch has raised his 1997 pre-tax profit forecast by £200 million to £3.12 billion. **C&W** firmed 6p to 456p.

Elsewhere, profit-takers saw **Marks & Spencer** dip 4½p to 457½p as the shares went ex-dividend. The retailing group has enjoyed a strong run since its recent annual results and many in the City still believe the shares are undervalued. Credit Lyonnais Laing was among the bulls yesterday, as it reiterated its buy recommendation.

American selling saw **ICI** dip 4p to 854p.

Shares in **3i**, the venture capital group, were on offer and retreated 15p to 452p after National Westminster Bank disclosed that it is considering selling its 17.7 per cent stake, with the 104.3 million shares worth £486 million. NatWest said any sale would take place after 3i's preliminary results on June 6, adding that it would be primarily to institutional investors.

Bank of Scotland added 4p to 267p amid renewed talk of a takeover move by **Royal Bank of Scotland**, 3p softer at 523p.

Shares in **Rolls-Royce** climbed 5p to 229p as volume reached 6.38 million shares in active trading on reports that an upcoming order by British Airways for ten to 15 jumbo jets from Boeing would provide Rolls-Royce with an engine-supply deal worth £400 million. **British Airways**, up 1p to 565p, declined to comment other than to call the reports "speculative".

Bass, up 10p to 809p, was also a firm market after recent figures and a company visit by brokers. Elsewhere in the sector, **Whitbread** climbed 3p to 720p after NatWest reiterated its buy recommendation on the stock.

Ladbroke rose 3½p to 191p, on volume of 12 million shares, after news of the £100 million disposal of the 380-room Langham Hilton in London to Great Eagle Holdings, a Hong Kong-based property and investment group.

Blacks Leisure, the sports and leisurewear retailer where Simon Bentley is chairman and chief executive, advanced 13p to 143p after the company accompanied a 246 per cent surge in full-year pre-tax profits with an increased dividend.

British Biotech, whose volatile shares have had a strong run on the back of high hopes for its Marimastat cancer drug, added 48p to £28.28 as BZW issued put and call warrants on the stock.

Vendome units rose 15p to a record 629p on speculation that Richemont, its parent, is poised to buy the 30.3 per cent not already owned in the luxury goods group.

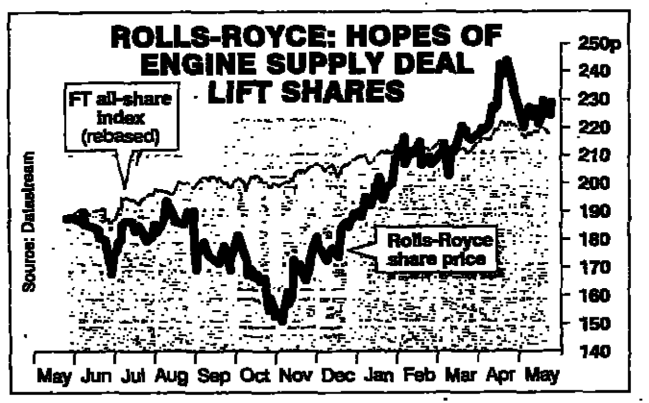
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** It was a quiet day for gilts as dull overseas bond markets failed to provide any inspiration. They were slightly firmer at the start, but sellers appeared at higher levels and stocks drifted back during the session. Attention will switch to today's £3 billion gilt auction of 8 per cent Treasury 2021, which dealers expect to be reasonably covered.

The June series of the long gilt future ended unchanged at £106 11/32, on thin volume of only 36,000 contracts traded. Most conventional stocks also ended unchanged, while index-linked firmed by a couple of ticks.

☐ **NEW YORK:** A stronger than expected report on home sales sparked weakness in bonds and encouraged investors to take profits on Wall Street, where by midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 40.64 points lower at 5,722.22.

Simon Bentley, left, of Blacks Leisure, with Teddy Sheringham

It may be worth watching out for developments at Microvitec, the software and electronics group. The shares added 1p to 68p, backed up by a recent buy note from Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, which suggested a short-term target price of 97p, as the group is exposed to rapid growth markets.



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New York (midday):

Dow Jones	5722.22 (-40.64)
S&P Composite	673.62 (-4.89)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	21944.53 (+244.77)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	11107.02 (+25.33)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	568.10 (+3.82)

Sydney:

AO	2262.7 (+1.6)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2558.30 (+16.06)

Singapore:

Straits	2356.85 (+6.42)

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Paris:

CAC-40	2132.90 (+15.25)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	790.90 (+1.30)

London:

FT 30	2793.6 (+8.1)
FT 100	3760.2 (+8.1)
FT-SE Mid 250	4504.4 (+14.4)
FT-SE-A 350	1904.6 (+4.6)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1699.17 (+10.32)
FT A All-Share	1889.89 (+4.02)
FT Non Financials	2012.93 (+5.6)
FT Fixed Interest	111.86 (-0.05)
FT Govt Secs	92.26 (-0.10)
Bargains	34486
SEAQ Volume	517.9m
USM (Datastrm)	221.25 (+0.44)
US$	1.5122 (-0.0006)
German Mark	2.3410 (+0.0094)
Exchange Index	85.1 (+0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2201
£:SDR	1.0518
RPI	152.6 Apr (2.4%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	152.0 Apr (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AIM Trust	101	...
Aberforth Sml	102	...
Atlantis Japan Gth	689½	+ 2
Biocompatibles Uts	130	- 10
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Emtech	73	- 8
Epic Multimedia	93	+ 3
Gartmore Select Jap	92	...
Hercules Prop Svcs	65	...
INVESCO Eng Intl C	101	...
Just Group	5	...
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Luminar (200)	281	+ 15
Malden Group	278	...
Mulberry Group	186	- 2
Premiere Group	133	...
Railtrack (190)	215	- 1
Reflec	93	+ 8
Schroder Venture	195	+ 1
Stentor (72)	103	+ 10
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RIGHTS ISSUES

Chelsfield n/p (220)	36	+ 1
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Porter Chad n/p (34)	5	- 1
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MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Andrew Sykes	380p (+40p)
Castings	215p (+20p)
Blacks Leis	143p (-13p)
Streamline Hldgs	229p (-16p)
Silentnight	229p (+14p)
Admiral	260p (+16p)
Wolseley	472p (+15p)
JJB Sports	755p (-18p)
Vendome	629p (-15p)

FALLS:

Filtronic Com	348p (-17p)
3i	452p (-15p)
Go-Ahead	325p (-10p)
Danka Bs Sys	775p (-18p)
Courtaulds	432p (-10p)
Delphi	485p (-10p)

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TEMPUS

Withdrawal by NatWest

IN ONE fell swoop yesterday the price of 3i shares came tumbling down, and those of NatWest increased in value. The sale of 3i by NatWest, its one loyal bank shareholder, could be interpreted as calling an end to the recent climbs in the 3i share price, although it is more likely to be part of NatWest's strategic refocusing.

NatWest has certainly benefited from holding on to the stake. The flotation price in July 1994 was 272p. On Friday night it was 467p, although news of the sale pushed it down 15p to 452p last night.

When the Bank of England, Lloyds, Midland and Barclays sold some or all of their shares — a total of 20.9 per cent of the stock — last June, they achieved a price of 360p. In January, Midland offloaded another 2.6 per cent of shares at 404p. 3i's shares now seem reasonably priced, given analysts' forecasts of a net asset value per share of between 407p and 430p, and mixed signals over the rate of earnings growth at the companies in which 3i invested. The 3i stake had never seemed a natural fit for NatWest, given its own strong venture capital business.

The sale will add another 0.2 per cent to NatWest's Tier 1 capital, taking the total to something more than 8 per cent — strong by any standards. Given the reluctance of NatWest directors to be seen to be overpaying for any acquisition, it must now be time to return some of this excess capital to shareholders. Expectations of a share buyback are, to a large extent, already built in to the NatWest share price. The 3i disposal now makes such a move more of a likelihood than a possibility.

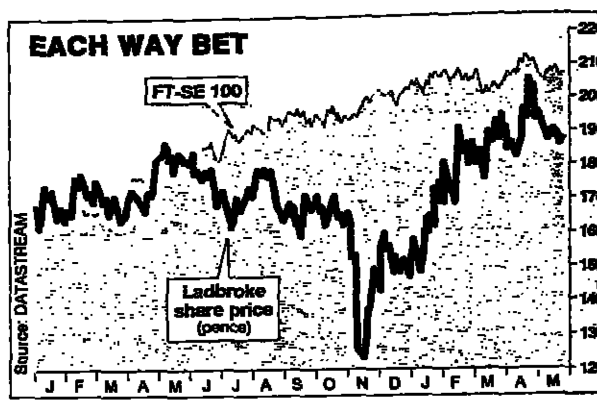
Ladbroke

BID speculation has pushed Ladbroke to dizzy heights. The shares have been one of the star performers in 1996, having risen about 30 per cent since January as just about every other leisure group has been linked with a takeover.

The company has come under pressure because the collapse in betting profits exposed the rather messy state of the company's books. Peter George, the chief executive, has spent his two years at the helm trying to restore fortunes by focusing on betting and hotels, and by reducing the company's large debt pile.

Yesterday's £100 million sale of the Langham Hilton hotel in Hong Kong is part of this strategy, with the company raising cash to invest and to reduce its £1 billion of debt. The company still has around £1.5 billion in hotel assets, allowing it to continue to pursue selective sales.

As a result, Ladbroke was able to enjoy that rarity this year, a rise in its share price directly connected with its own actions, rather than as a result of rumours. The unwanted bid speculation might actually have done Mr George and his management team a favour. The current high share price has made the company look unattractive to bidders, giving Mr George time to show that cautious strategy can pay dividends. There is a risk the froth in the share price will soon disappear, but on balance it is worth holding on.



Allders

ALLDERS' desire to rid itself of its duty free shopping business is well founded but the speed at which the group has rushed to strike a deal looks panicky.

The logic of the deal is sound but the price tag of £130 million at first sight is disappointing. Analysts believe an extra £20 million could have been squeezed out of BAA, particularly as Swissair made a rival offer of about £145 million.

But Allders has opted to hitch itself to BAA's £130 million offer, seemingly out of fear its business may be worth markedly less if it fails to offload the business soon.

The worthiness of each of the offers does not come down purely to price, particularly as BAA started talking in sums of less than £100 million before Swissair appeared on the scene. Certainty plays an important part and then there is the added, and not insignificant, fact that BAA is a major landlord of Allders and has the right, and power, to terminate contracts.

If BAA's £130 million offer succeeds, the group will have net cash of about £60 million, which will help to fund expansion of remaining business. However, this will not absorb the cash pile and so shareholders can expect a special dividend or a share buyback.

Without a distribution the shares, trading at about 20 times earnings, look expensive. If a distribution takes place there is some upside.

Sun Life

SALES in life insurance are looking perky again after a few years of bad publicity, so what a shame it is that Sun Life is not coming to the market alone. This robust performer has plenty of capacity for growth but is being bundled together with a general insurer, Provincial, and an Irish assurance company, New Ireland, neither of which are expected to do quite as well as their bigger brother.

Insurance premiums in Britain are still falling and despite bold assertions from the composites that motor rates will have to rise, there has been little evidence of this so far. Provincial has a direct sales force it has acquired from the Prudential but it also has a direct writer, Prospero, which is not expected to break even until 1998.

Sun Life, meanwhile, has a strong presence in the independent financial adviser market, a sector some in the industry predict will provide the greatest growth in new business.

The three companies are not a comfortable fit, but SLP is marketing itself not as a composite, but as a holding company in the style of a mini BTR. Nevertheless, the gloomy prospects for insurance profits this year mean waiting and watching may still be the best policy.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	1088-1074	Jul	1065-1059
Jul	1109-1107	Sep	1075-1074
Sep	1128-1127	Dec	1088-1084
Dec	1058-1056	Mar	1099-1098
Mar	1044-1042		
May	1054-1051	Volume: 2970	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	1845-1844	Jan	1747-1742
Jul	1806-1805	Mar	1712-1710
Sep	1791-1790	May	1700-1680
Nov	1776-1775	Volume: 2305	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	329.0-28.7
Spot: 397.0		May	328.8-27.0
Aug	376.5-75.7	Aug	327.6-24.5
Oct	344.0-43.7	Oct	313.8-12.5
Dec	333.0-31.9	Volume: 1726	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 27

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	119.32	113.08	100.94
(+/-)	-9.41	-7.77	+2.24
Eng/Wales:	119.45	146.68	101.20
(+/-)	-9.43	+6.60	-2.66
(%)	-58.0	+29.0	-51.0
Scotland:	117.66	157.59	99.23
(+/-)	-3.35	+14.78	-1.09
(%)	+72.0	+46.0	-25.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.50	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Jul)	19.00	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Aug)	18.40	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	21.20	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	20.25	-0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	212 (+2)	214 (+2)
Gasoil EEC	716 (-1)	178 (-3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	84 (-3)	86 (-3)
Naphtha	194 (+1)	196 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jun	166.25-66.50	Sep	163.00-63.25
Jul	163.75-64.00	Oct	163.50-63.75
Aug	163.00-63.25	Vol: 8543	

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	18.98-19.00	Oct	17.65 SLR
Aug	18.37-18.39	Nov	17.36-17.45
Sep	17.94-17.98	Vol: 18658	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jul	131.25	Sep	106.50
Sep	113.50	Nov	108.75
Nov	115.65	Jan	112.00
Jan	117.25	Mar	114.00
Mar	119.20	May	115.25
Volume: 245		Volume: 2	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Jun	unq	225.0
Nov	–	82.5
Mar	–	110.0
		Volume: 115

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

May 106.00-106.50

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 96	1250	1250	1254
Jul 96	1210	1210	1217
Oct 96	1325	1321	1326
Jan 97	1340	1335	1340
Vol: 18 lots		Open Interest: 4616	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)			Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	Cash: 2567.0-2568.0	3mth: 2437.0-2438.0	Vol: 1465700
Lead ($/tonne)	829.00-830.00	832.50-833.00	165475
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1022.5-1023.0	1049.0-1050.0	355200
Tin ($/tonne)	6230.0-6240.0	6275.0-6280.0	20305
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1547.0-1548.0	1577.0-1577.5	1063525
Nickel ($/tonne)	7840.0-7850.0	7968.0-7970.0	113466

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Dom	460	33	46½	52	4½	9	17
(*486)	500	9½	24½	39½	19	26	36½
Argyll	330	21½	31½	37½	5	10½	15
(*344)	360	6½	16	22	20	25½	29½
ASDA	110	10½	12½	15½	1½	3½	5
(*118½)	120	4½	7	10	5	7½	9
Boots	600	17	31½	39	15½	23½	30
(*610)	650	2	12	19	53½	56½	61
Br Airways	550	21	34½	43½	14	22	27
(*565½)	600	4	13½	21½	48	52½	56
BP	550	29½	39½	48	6½	13½	19
(*569)	600	6	15½	23½	33½	39	45
Br Steel	180	5½	9	12½	10	12½	16
(*180)	200	0½	3½	6	27½	28	30
C & W	420	37½	48	57½	4½	12	17
(*456)	460	13	26	35½	20	29	34½
CU	600	27	36½	50½	11	24	29½
(*612)	650	6	15	26½	41	54½	58½
ICI	850	28½	44½	62	18	35	41
(*854)	900	9½	23	40	49½	65	70
Land Sec	600	31½	34½	42½	7½	13½	19
(*631)	650	2	12	18½	42	43½	47
M & S	420	42	51	56½	1½	4	7
(*458)	460	12½	23½	30½	10½	16½	21
Nat West	600	35	45	58½	8½	23	29
(*619½)	650	11	22½	35	35	50	56
Sainsbury	360	31½	40½	45½	2	5	9½
(*387)	390	11	21½	27	11	16	21
Shell	900	52	66	75½	5	15½	19
(*941)	950	18	34	45½	22	37	40
Smkl Bch	638	37½	52	—	8½	20½	—
(*660)	687	13	28	—	33	45	—
Storehse	300	25	33½	—	3½	8	—
(*324)	330	7½	16½	—	16½	21½	—
Trafalgar	50	1	1½	—	0½	0½	—
(*50½)	60	0	0	—	9½	9½	—
Zeneca	1350	78½	115	144½	21½	46	61
(*1397½)	1400	48	85½	118	42½	68½	83½
	Series	Aug	Nov	Jan	Aug	Nov	Jan
BAT Ind	500	33	42	50½	16½	24	26½
(*516)	550	10	20	28	47	52½	55
Vodafone	240	22	29½	32	6	12	15½
(*254)	260	11½	19	21½	15	22	24½
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Grnd Met	420	30	38	45½	10	13½	20
(*441)	460	10	19	25½	31	34½	40½
Ladbroke	180	20½	22½	27½	7½	10½	13½
(*190)	200	9½	13½	18	17½	21	24
Utd Bisc	220	14	18½	22	9½	14	16½
(*221½)	240	5½	9½	13½	22	25½	28

May 28, 1996 Tot: 20162 Calls: 11755 Puts: 8407 FT-SE Calls: 3241 Puts: 2618
*Underlying security price.

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
BAA	500	12½	23½	29	14½	21	26
(*500)	550	1½	6½	11	57	58	60
Thames W.	550	18½	28½	34½	16½	23	30
(*564)	600	3½	10	16	56½	58	62½
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BTR	280	14	18½	22½	7	12½	14
(*283½)	300	5½	9½	13½	18½	25	29½
Br Aero	850	68	84½	103	13½	25	31
(*893½)	900	37½	55½	74½	33½	46	52½
Br Telcm	330	19½	22½	26	12½	16	21
(*340)	360	6	9½	13½	32½	35	39½
Cadbury	460	34½	43	52	10	17	20
(*477½)	500	14½	23½	32	30½	37½	40
Guinness	460	25½	33	41½	10½	18	20
(*469½)	500	7½	14½	22½	33½	39½	40½
GEC	360	17½	24½	30	11½	16	20
(*369½)	390	5	11½	17	31½	34	37½
Hanson	180	13	16½	19	4	7½	10½
(*190½)	200	3½	7½	10½	15	19	22
LASMO	180	11	15½	18½	7½	10	10½
(*180½)	200	3½	7	10	20½	22	22½
Lucas	220	24½	29½	30	9	14½	16½
(*233)	240	14	19½	20	17½	24	26
Pilkingtn	191	13	—	—	7	—	—
(*196½)	210	5	—	—	19½	—	—
Prudential	420	25½	32	40½	11½	19½	22½
(*427½)	460	9	14½	22½	39½	42	45
Redland	390	30	38	43½	9	15	18
(*406)	420	14	22½	28½	23	30	32½
R-Royce	220	18½	24	28½	7	10½	13
(*229)	240	8½	14½	19	17	21	23
Tesco	280	25½	31	36	4½	10	11
(*297)	300	13½	19½	25	13	18½	20
Williams	300	32	35	—	2	6	—
(*326½)	330	11½	15½	—	12	18½	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3763)

	3650	3700	3750	3800	3850	3900
Calls						
Jun	128	87	50½	23½	9	2½
Jul	144	107	76½	50	28	15
Aug	157½	123	93	67½	45	28½
Sep	179½	147	115½	90½	66	48½
Dec	—	205	—	140½	—	101½
Puts						
Jun	10	18½	36	60	98	146
Jul	26½	38	60½	83½	113	151½
Aug	43½	60	80	105	132½	167
Sep	61	79	96	121½	147½	180½
Dec	—	112½	—	156	—	210

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	550	20	35½	48	6	20½	27½
(*563)	600	1½	13½	25½	38	50	55½
Amstrad	160	7½	16	19	4½	9½	12½
(*160½)	180	1½	8½	11	19½	22	24½
Barclays	750	34	50	63	5	19½	26
(*777½)	800	7	29½	37½	27	45½	51
Blue Circ	330	28½	37½	43	1	7½	12
(*356½)	360	7	19	26	10½	19½	25
Br Gas	160	18½	24	27	0½	3½	6½
(*177)	180	5	12½	15½	7	10½	16½
Dixons	460	42	51	62	1	10	14
(*499½)	500	12	26½	39	11½	26½	30½
Forte	343	32	35½	—	0	0	—
(*370½)	373	6	13	—	2½	7	—
Tarmac	120	5	11	14½	3½	7½	11
(*121)	130	1½	6½	9	10	13½	16½
Hillsdwn	180	7	12½	15½	2½	6½	9½
(*183)	200	0½	4½	7	17	18½	21
Lonrho	180	8½	13½	18	2½	7	8½
(*185½)	200	1	5	9	15	18½	19½
Sears	90	6½	10	11½	0½	2	3½
(*96)	100	1	5	6	4½	6½	8½
Thorn	1700	104½	143½	176½	8	42½	57
(*1792½)	1800	38½	86	124	39½	87½	102½
Tomkins	240	11	16½	20½	2	9½	12
(*247)	260	2	7	11½	13½	21½	23½
Lloyds TSB	292	24	—	—	0½	—	—
(*314)	322	5	—	—	11	—	—
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo W	850	39	55	71	17	38½	46½
(*860½)	900	15½	31½	48	44	65	74½
HSBC	950	50½	76½	98	15½	35	44
(*953)	1000	28	49½	71½	37	59	67½
Reuter	750	38½	60	74	17	31½	40
(*765)	800	15½	36	50½	45	58	64
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Royal Ins	420	22½	32	42	10	20½	29½
(*429)	460	6½	15	24½	34	43	48
	Series	Jul	Oct	Feb	Jul	Oct	Feb
Kingfshr	600	26½	42	59	12	23	29½
(*610½)	650	6	19½	35½	42½	50½	58½
	Series	Jul	Oct	Dec	Jul	Oct	Dec
Unilever	1200	43½	69	82	11½	22½	28
(*1222½)	1250	17	40	53½	35½	46	51
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	500	25	31½	31½	4½	33½	37
(*519½)	530	2½	9½	9½	32½	75	75
Scot Pwr	300	22½	30	32½	2	10	11½
(*318½)	330	6	13½	17½	15	26	27½

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Jun 96	3758.0	3781.0	3758.0	3764.0	7189
Previous open interest: 64670	Sep 96	3772.0	3784.0	3772.0	3772.0	545
FT-SE 250	Jun 96				4515.0	0
Previous open interest: 4141	Sep 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 96	93.90	93.91	93.90	93.90	3463
Previous open interest: 369856	Sep 96	93.85	93.86	93.81	93.84	3499
	Dec 96	93.63	93.65	93.61	93.62	4595
Three Mth Euro Yen	Sep 96	99.20	99.21	99.19	99.20	115
	Dec 96	98.93	98.93	98.92	98.93	1048
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 96	96.73	96.73	96.72	96.72	7272
Previous open interest: 1118548	Sep 96	96.78	96.79	96.76	96.76	12915
Long Gilt	Jun 96	106-14	106-19	106-09	106-11	37050
Previous open interest: 131459	Sep 96	105-15	105-19	105-11	105-13	16616
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 96	119.75	119.77	119.65	119.77	523
	Sep 96	118.65	118.69	118.56	118.68	2117
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 96	97.07	97.15	96.89	96.93	78140
Previous open interest: 193744	Sep 96	96.20	96.25	96.03	96.06	11200
Three month ECU	Jun 96	95.66	95.66	95.65	95.65	486
Previous open interest: 26274	Sep 96	95.74	95.74	95.72	95.73	269
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 96	97.75	97.75	97.65	97.65	3786
Previous open interest: 69400	Sep 96	97.72	97.72	97.58	97.58	8867
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 96	115.90	116.46	115.90	116.21	39451
Previous open interest: 62870	Sep 96	115.33	115.81	115.33	115.58	2420

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low 5½ Week fixed: 5⅝
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5½; 3 mth 5⁷⁄₁₆. Sell: 2 mth 5⁹⁄₁₆; 3 mth: 5⅜.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5⁹⁄₁₆	5⅝-5⁹⁄₁₆	5⅝-5⁹⁄₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:	6-5⅞	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛	6½-6⅜
Interbank:	6-5⅞	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛	6½-6⅜
Overnight: open 6, close 5½.					
Local Authority Deps:	5⅞	n/a	6	6⅛	6⅜
Sterling CDs:	6-5⅞	6-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	6¼-6⅛	6½-6⅜
Dollar CDs:	5.31	n/a	5.35	5.47	5.77
Building Society CDs:	6-5⅞	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛	6½-6⅜

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅛-4⅞	5⅜-5¼	5½-5¼	5⅝-5½	5-4
Deutschemark:	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3½-3⅜	3½-2½
French Franc:	3⅝-3½	3⅝-3½	3⅝-3½	4-3¾	4-3
Swiss Franc:	2⅜-2¼	2½-2⅜	2½-2⅜	2½-2⅜	2½-1½
Yen:	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	⅝-½	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $390.90-391.20 Close: $391.90-392.40 High: $392.40-392.90
Low: $390.30-390.70 AM: $392.15 PM: $392.00

Krugerrand: $391.00-394.00 (£258.50-260.50)

Platinum: $400.00 (£264.65) Silver: $5.39 (£3.565) Palladium: $130.50 (£86.35)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mid Rates for May 28	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6130-2.6199	2.6173-2.6199	⅛-⅛pr	2½-2⅜pr
Brussels	48.01-48.15	48.09-48.15	13-8pr	37-30pr
Copenhagen	9.0202-9.0465	9.0366-9.0465	1½-1⅛pr	5¼-4¾pr
Dublin	0.9687-0.9723	0.9695-0.9716	9-6pr	26-21pr
Frankfurt	2.3359-2.3426	2.3404-2.3426	⅜-⅜pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Lisbon	239.55-240.29	240.07-240.29	⅛-⅛ds	⅛-⅛ds
Madrid	194.45-194.89	194.68-194.89	22-32ds	67-84ds
Milan	2350.7-2358.0	2355.0-2358.0	55-70ds	15-18ds
Montreal	2.0739-2.0818	2.0798-2.0818	0.26-0.19pr	0.51-0.40pr
New York	1.5106-1.5128	1.5119-1.5128	0.087-0.067pr	0.24-0.21pr
Oslo	9.9924-10.0205	10.0039-10.0205	1⅛-⅛pr	3½-2⅞pr
Paris	7.8983-7.9228	7.9162-7.9228	1½-1⅛pr	4½-4⅛pr
Stockholm	10.300-10.334	10.310-10.329	⅛-⅛ds	⅛-⅛ds
Tokyo	163.97-164.39	164.16-164.39	⅜-⅜pr	2⅛-2⅛pr
Vienna	16.435-16.482	16.466-16.483	⅛-⅛pr	1½-⅛pr
Zurich	1.9196-1.9282	1.9260-1.9282	⅛-⅛ds	1½-1⅛pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2578-1.2586
Austria	10.87-10.88
Belgium (Com)	31.77-31.81
Canada	1.3751-1.3756
Denmark	5.9700-5.9730
France	5.2315-5.2335
Germany	1.5464-1.5469
Hong Kong	7.7368-7.7378
Ireland	1.5575-1.5585
Italy	1556.75-1557.75
Japan	108.57-108.67
Malaysia	2.4965-2.4975
Netherlands	1.7296-1.7301
Norway	6.6098-6.6163
Portugal	158.65-158.70
Singapore	1.4118-1.4128
Spain	128.68-128.73
Sweden	6.8230-6.8330
Switzerland	1.2720-1.2730

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5111-1.5137
Australia dollar	1.9013-1.9031
Bahrain dinar	0.5635-0.5755
Brazil real*	1.4778-1.4819
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7150-0.7160
Finland markka	7.1450-7.2610
Greece drachma	365.75-372.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.6942-11.6996
India rupee	52.58-53.54
Indonesia rupiah	3491.00-3559.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4490-0.4590
Malaysia ringgit	3.7735-3.7762
New Zealand dollar	2.2072-2.2096
Pakistan rupee	52.56 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.4375-5.5000
Singapore dollar	2.1335-2.1364
S Africa rand (com)	6.5770-6.6790
U A E dirham	5.4875-5.6115

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	703	Land Secs	1,400
ASDA Gp	1,800	Legal & Gn	427
Abbey Ntl	477	Lloyds TSB	2,900
Allied Dom	1,900	Marks Spr	4,700
Argos	439	NatWst Bk	3,000
Argyll Gp	2,000	Nat Grid	1,800
AB Foods	518	Nat Power	3,100
BAA	2,100	P & O	959
BAT Inds	4,100	Pearson	949
BOC	581	Pilkington	1,100
BP	5,100	PowerGen	306
BSkyB	1,100	Prudential	2,500
BTR	3,700	REXAM	1,300
BT	10,100	RMC	491
Bk of Scot	2,700	RTZ	899
Barclays	3,100	Rank Org	1,100
Bass	1,700	Reckitt Col	496
Blue Circle	791	Redland	2,100
Boots	1,000	Reed Intl	967
BAe	806	Rentokil	1,200
BA	4,400	Reuters	1,600
Brit Gas	9,700	Rolls Royce	6,400
Brit Steel	4,100	Royal Ins	710
Burmah Cstl	396	Ryl Bk Scot	321
Burton	923	Sainsbury	1,500
Cable Wire	3,000	Schroders	173
Cadbury	1,400	Scot & New	1,700
Carlton Cms	586	Scot Power	3,300
Cm Union	333	Svrn Trent	2,000
Cookson	536	Shell Trans	1,500
Courtaulds	1,200	Siebe	1,700
Dixons	557	SmKl Bch	7,000
Enterpr Oil	1,200	Smith Nph	3,900
For & Col IT	684	Smiths Inds	293
GKN	216	Sthern Elec	954
GRE	1,600	Std Chartd	351
GUS	1,300	Sun Allnce	1,800
Gen Acc	673	TI Gp	158
Gen Elec	5,600	Tate & Lyle	1,400
Glaxo Well	3,000	Tesco	4,400
Granada	1,700	Thames W	465
Grand Met	4,900	Thrn EMI	383
Greenalls	251	Tomkins	3,700
Guinness	1,400	Unilever	1,800
HSBC	973	United Utils	2,100
Hanson	6,300	Vodafone	2,200
ICI	2,100	Whitbread	555
Kingfisher	646	Wlms Hld	692
LASMO	1,000	Wolseley	1,100
Ladbroke	12,000	Zeneca	1,900

WALL STREET

	May 28 midday	May 24 close
AMP Inc	42½	42½
AMP Corp	94½	94½
ASA	44	44
AT & T	63½	62½
Abbott Labs	42½	42½
Advanced Micro	17½	17½
Aetna Life	74½	74½
Ahmanson (HF)	25½	25½
Air Prod & Chem	59	59
AirTouch Comm	31½	31½
Alberto-Culver B	39½	40½
Albertson's	39½	40
Alcan Aluminum	32½	32½
Alco Standard	63	64½
Allied Signal	56½	57½
Alum Co of Am	62½	62½
Amax Gold Inc	6½	6½
Amerada Hess	57½	58½
Amer Brands	44	45½
Amer El Power	40½	41
Amer Express	47½	47½
Amer Genl Corp	35½	36½
Amer Home Pr	53½	53½
Amer Intl	94½	94½
Amer Stores	39½	36½
Amer Standard	30½	31
Ameritech	59½	59½
Amoco	72	73½
Anheuser-Busch	71½	72½
Apple Computer	26½	26½
Archer Daniels	19½	20½
Armco	5½	5½
Armstrng Wrld	59½	59½
Asarco	31½	32½
Ashland Oil	43½	43½
Atl Richfield	121	121½
Auto Data Pro	38	38
Avery Dennison	57½	57½
Avon Products	92½	94½
Baker Hughes	32½	33
Baltim Gas & El	27½	28
Banc One	36½	36½
BankAmerica	75½	76½
Bank of NY	52½	52½
Bankers Tr NY	75½	76½
Barnett Banks	62½	62½
Bausch & Lomb	42½	42½
Baxter Intl	43½	44½
Becton Dickinsn	84½	84½
Bell Atlantic	63½	63½
Bell Industries	21½	21½
BellSouth	41½	41½
Black & Decker	43	43
Block (H&R)	34½	35½
Boeing	85½	83½
Boise Cascade	43½	44½
Bristol Myrs Sq	85½	86½
Browning Ferris	30½	30½
Brunswick	21½	21½
Burlington Nthn	87½	87
CMS Energy Corp	29½	29½
CNA Financial	101	101½
CPC Intl	68½	69½
CSX	50½	50½
Campbell Soup	66	65½
Can Pacific	19½	20
Carolina Pwr	37	37½
Caterpillar	68½	68½
Central & SW	28	28½
Champion Intl	45½	46½
Chase Manhat	70½	71½
Chevron Corp	60½	61½
Chrysler	66½	66½
Chubb Corp	48	47½
Cigna Corp	115½	115½
Citicorp	84½	84½
Clorox	85½	85½
Coastal Corp	42½	42½
Coca Cola	46½	47½
Colgate-Palmolive	80	80½
Columbia Gas	48½	48½
ColumbiaHCA	55½	54½
Compaq Comp	47½	48
Comp Ass Int	71½	72
Conagra	41½	42
Conrail	72½	71½
Cons Edison	27½	28
Cons Nat Gas	49½	50½
Cooper Inds	41½	41½
Corestates	39½	39½
Corning Inc	38½	39
Crown Cork	47½	47½
Dana Corp	35	34½
Dayton Hudson	100½	100½
Deere	41½	41½
Delta Air Lines	85½	85½
Deluxe Corp	37½	37½
Digital Equip	52	52½
Dillard Dept St	38½	37½
Disney (Walt)	62½	63½
Dominion Res	39½	40½
Donelley (RR)	37½	37½
Dover Corp	47½	47½
Dow Chemical	85½	85½
Dow Jones	39	39½
Dresser	30½	30½
Duke Power	49½	49½
Dun & Brdstreet	64½	65
Du Pont	82½	82½
Eastman Chem	66½	66½

	May 28 midday	May 24 close
Eastman Kodak	75½	75½
Eaton Corp	58½	58½
Edison Int	16½	16½
Emerson Elec	86½	87½
Engelhard Corp	24½	24½
Enron Corp	41½	41½
Entergy	27½	27½
Ethyl Corp	10½	10½
Exxon	86½	87
FMC Corp	67½	67½
FPL Group	44	43½
Federal Express	78½	80½
Fed Nat Mige	31½	32½
First Bk Sys	61½	62
First Union Rlty	7½	7
Fleet Finl Grp	45½	45½
Fluor Corp	66½	66½
Ford Motor	36½	36½
GTE Corp	44½	45
Gannett	68½	68½
Gap Inc Del	32½	32½
Gen Dynamics	63	63½
Gen Electric	84½	85
Gen Mills	58	58½
Gen Motors	55½	55½
Gen Reinsurance	142	142½
Gen Signal	38½	38½
Genuine Parts	45½	45½
Georgia Pac	74½	75½
Gillette	58½	58½
Glaxo Wellc ADR	26½	26
Goodrich (BF)	39½	39½
Goodyear Tire	51½	51½
Grace (W&R)	73½	74½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	35½	35½
Great Wstn Fin	23½	23½
Halliburton	57½	57½
Harcourt General	51½	52½
Heinz (HJ)	32½	33½
Hercules	57½	57½
Hershey Foods	75	75½
Hewlett Packard	105½	106
Hilton Hotels	104½	109½
Home Depot	51½	51½
Homestake Mng	20	19½
Honeywell	52½	53½
Household Intl	69½	70½
Houston Inds	22½	22½
Humana	24	23½
ITT Corp	60½	59½
Illinois Tool	65½	67½
Illinova	26½	26½
INCO	32½	32½
Ingersoll Rand	42½	43
Inland Steel	21½	21½
Intel Corp	71½	71
IBM	108½	108½
Intl Flav & Fr	48½	50
Intl Paper	41	41½
James River Va	25½	25½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	96½	97½
Kellogg	73½	74½
Kerr-McGee	60½	61½
Kimberly-Clark	75	74½
Kmart	11½	11
Knight-Ridder	76½	76½
Lilly (Eli)	62	62½
Limited Inc	21½	21½
Lincoln Nat	48½	48½
Litton	46½	47½
Liz Claiborne	37½	37½
Lockheed Martin	84	84½
Louisiana Pac	25½	25½
MCI Comm	29½	29½
Marriott Int	47½	48
Marsh & McLnn	95½	97½
Masco Corp	31½	31½
May Dept St	48½	49½
Maytag Corp	22½	22½
McDonalds	48½	49
McDonnell D	107½	102½
McGraw Hill	47½	47½
Mead Corp	53½	54½
Medtronic	56½	56½
Mellon Bk	57	57
Melville Corp	39½	39½
Merck Inc	64½	64½
Merrill Lynch	66½	66½
Microsoft	117½	118½
Minnesota Mine	69½	70½
Mobil Corp	113½	114½
Monsanto	154½	154½
Morgan (JP)	88½	88½
Motorola Inc	65½	65½
Natl Semi	16½	16½
Natl Service Ind	39½	39½
Navistar Int	10½	10½
NY Times A	32½	33½
Newmont Mng	58½	57½
Niag Mohawk	8	7½
Nike B	101½	101½
NL Industries	14	14½
Noram Energy	10½	10½
Nordstrom	49½	50½
Norfolk Sthrn	88½	88½
Nthn State Pwr	47½	48
Norwest Corp	36½	36½
Nynex Corp	46½	47
Occidental Pet	26½	26½
Ohio Edison	22	22

	May 28 midday	May 24 close
Oracle	33½	33½
Oryx Energy Co	16½	16½
Overseas Ship	19	18½
Owens Corning	41½	42½
PHH Corp	56½	56½
PPG Industries	53½	53½
PNC Bank	30½	30½
PP&L Res	23½	23½
Paccar Inc	49½	49½
Pacificorp	20½	20½
Pac Enterprises	26½	26½
Pac Gas & Elect	22½	[illegible]
Pac Telesis	33½	34
Pall Corp	26½	[illegible]
Parker Hannifin	41½	[illegible]
Peco Energy	25½	[illegible]
Penney (JC)	52½	[illegible]
Pennzoil	44½	[illegible]
Pepsico	66½	[illegible]
Pfizer	69½	[illegible]
Pharm & Upjhn	42½	[illegible]
Phelps Dodge	69½	[illegible]
Philip Morris	100½	[illegible]
Phillips Pet	42½	[illegible]
Pitney Bowes	50½	[illegible]
Polaroid	43½	[illegible]
PriceCostco	20	[illegible]
Procter & Gmbl	89½	[illegible]
Providian	44½	[illegible]
Pub Serv E & G	27½	[illegible]
Quaker Oats	34½	[illegible]
Ralston Purina	62½	[illegible]
Raytheon Corp	78	[illegible]
Raytheon	52½	[illegible]
Reebok Intl	29½	[illegible]
Reynolds Metals	55½	[illegible]
Rockwell Intl	58½	[illegible]
Rohm & Haas	68½	[illegible]
Royal Dutch	151	[illegible]
Rubbermaid	28½	[illegible]
SBC Comms	49½	[illegible]
Safeco Corp	34	[illegible]
St Paul's Cos	53½	[illegible]
Salomon Inc	42½	[illegible]
Sara Lee Corp	33½	[illegible]
Schering Plough	58½	[illegible]
Schlumberger	87½	[illegible]
Seagram	34½	[illegible]
Sears Roebuck	50	[illegible]
Shell Trans	86	[illegible]
Sherwin Wilms	45½	[illegible]
Skyline Corp	24½	[illegible]
Snap-On-Tools	48½	[illegible]
Southern Co	24	[illegible]
Sprint Corp	43	[illegible]
Stanley Works	60½	[illegible]
Sun Company	31½	[illegible]
Sun Microsys	64½	[illegible]
Suntrust	37½	[illegible]
Supervalu	31½	[illegible]
Sysco Corp	34½	[illegible]
TRW Inc	95½	[illegible]
TCC Inds	2½	[illegible]
Tandem Comp	12½	[illegible]
Tandy Corp	47½	[illegible]
Teledyne	39½	[illegible]
Temple Inland	50½	[illegible]
Tenneco	56½	[illegible]
Texaco	84½	[illegible]
Texas Inst	57½	[illegible]
Texas Utilities	41½	[illegible]
Textron	88½	[illegible]
Time Warner	41½	[illegible]
Times-Mirror A	44½	[illegible]
Timken	39½	[illegible]
Torchmark	43½	[illegible]
Toys R Us	28½	[illegible]
Transamerica	81½	[illegible]
Travelers	40½	[illegible]
Tribune	74	[illegible]
Tyco Labs	40½	[illegible]
UST Inc	33½	[illegible]
UAL	57½	[illegible]
US Inds	22½	[illegible]
USX Marathon	22½	[illegible]
Unicom	27½	[illegible]
Unilever NV	136½	[illegible]
Union Camp	54½	[illegible]
Union Carbide	43½	[illegible]
Union Pacific	71½	[illegible]
Unisys Corp	7½	[illegible]
USAir Group	18½	[illegible]
USF&G Corp	15½	[illegible]
US Life	30½	[illegible]
United Tech	109½	[illegible]
Unocal Corp	32½	[illegible]
VF Corp	60½	[illegible]
WMX Tech	35½	[illegible]
Wal-Mart Stores	25½	[illegible]
Warner-Lambert	54½	[illegible]
Wells Fargo	243½	[illegible]
Westinghouse El	18½	[illegible]
Weyerhaeuser	47½	[illegible]
Whirlpool	57½	[illegible]
Whitman	24½	[illegible]
Winn Dixie	35½	[illegible]
Woolworth	21½	[illegible]
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	52½	[illegible]
Xerox	158½	[illegible]
Yellow Corp	13	[illegible]

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Landlord's good fortune

SHARING a paddock with the chief executive of Asda clearly has its plus points. Archie Norman, who rents his farmhouse from Charles Dent, managing director of Timothy Taylors in Yorkshire, has agreed to stock his supermarket shelves with his landlord's finest ale. Within the first week of the brew going on sale, Timothy Taylor's Landlord, brewed in Keighley, was sold out in 50 Asda superstores across the North. Apparently, the name of the ale has nothing to do with Norman's neighbour — it was christened in 1953.

Squeezed out

NEIL MARSHALL, long-time voice of the Retail Motor Industry Federation, is out of the spotlight after this week's shake-up. After 18 years with the organisation, most recently as director of public policy, Marshall was somewhat shocked to be told by Chris Macgowan, new chief executive, that he could leave at the end of this month. Rumours at the federation's Great Portland Street offices suggest that its leading spokesman was squeezed between Macgowan, in his new role as crusader, and Alan Pulham, director of RMIF's National Franchised Dealers' Association.

"Are the shares safe, or will they glow in the dark?"

Island race

WHETHER Caroline Robins is crowned AA Landlady of the Year or not, her journey to the awards today certainly sets her apart. Having left her desk at Midland Bank in Guernsey four years ago, Robins moved with her husband to run Hotel Petit Champ on the tiny island of Sark. The same woman was cycling to the harbour at 4.30 this morning, where a specially chartered boat took her to Guernsey. Then it was a taxi ride to the airport, a flight to Gatwick, a train to Victoria, and a taxi to the Savoy. Robins, who will make the same journey in reverse tonight, says: "I must be back to serve breakfast."

Supporting role

LIAM DALTON, one of the models for Gordon Gecko in Oliver Stone's movie *Wall Street*, feels that something is missing in his life since the Eighties smash hit. City whizkid Dalton, who was crowned a partner at Bear Stearns only two years after leaving college in the US, lent actor Charlie Sheen his red braces for the movie, and they were never returned. Ron Insana, author of *Traders' Tales*, includes the anecdote in his collection published this month. Sheen claims that he can't find the trademark "suspenders", but Dalton thinks otherwise.

A SISTER restaurant of the Sloane-infested bistro Foxtrot Oscar is said to be opening up in the City. By the end of this week, restaurateur Michael Proudlock will know whether the City's best will be rubbing shoulders with the likes of Fergie's financial adviser, John Bryan, the Marquess of Blandford, and Diana Ross.

MORAG PRESTON

Spreading the millions up and down the land

Winners include suppliers and shareholders, writes Jon Ashworth

From terminals to telecom providers and ticket printers to PR advisers, plenty of businesses are enjoying a golden age under Camelot

THE OTHER LOTTERY MILLIONAIRES

Camelot is poised for a fresh round of record profits. The figures, expected next week, will show that lottery ticket sales reached £5.2 billion in the year to March 31, generating a pre-tax profit of about £70 million. The amount after tax will reach about £47 million, or £900,000 a week. By the time the licence expires in September 2001, profits to Camelot could have topped £320 million. It is a remarkable figure.

The size of the profits will spark predictable howls of protest, and renew calls for Camelot to donate the excess to charity. It gave away about £500,000 in donations last year, and has budgeted for a similar amount in 1996 — not nearly enough to satisfy critics. Camelot will argue that it deserves to be rewarded for doing an exemplary job, and remind a sceptical public that it faces penalties of £1 million a day if it falls behind with the installation of National Lottery terminals.

The obvious winners are Camelot's shareholders: Cadbury Schweppes, De La Rue, ICL, GTech, and Racal Electronics, who took a significant risk in pitching for the lottery contract, but have been left holding what is effectively a licence to print money. Dividends paid out last time totalled £9.5 million. Whichever way you look at it, they are fast recouping their initial £50 million equity investment.

But the shareholders are just part of the story. They lie at the centre of an enormous web, one which reaches out to all corners of the UK, and beyond, and which has had a huge knock-on effect in employment and revenues.

Up to £90 million in ticket sales passes through the system each week, benefiting printers, technicians, telecoms experts and designers. There are rich pickings to be had.

The main beneficiaries include BT, which bills Camelot an estimated £11 million a year for servicing the National Lottery network. Camelot's telecom charges work out at more than £1,000 per lottery terminal per year, split between Racal, which provides access to its Government Data Network; and BT, which provides the lines linking retailers with various "concentrators". BT's charges are estimated at 50 per cent of the annual cost per terminal.

With 22,000 online terminals and rising, BT's charges are certain to exceed £11 million. BT confirmed that Camelot is one of its largest customers for private circuits. Other telecom companies involved include Mercury, Energis (the telecoms arm of the National Grid), and Kingston Communications, which links about 10 per cent of retailers to the network via satellite. In terms of headline numbers, it is hard to match Camelot's advertising spend, which is estimated at 1 per cent of sales a year — a tidy £52 million or so. The winners are the ITV companies, which received about £33 million in advertising from Camelot last year, according to submissions to MPs.

There is less cheer for the BBC, which pays Camelot substantial (but undisclosed) sums for the right to broadcast *National Lottery Live*. MPs think it "unacceptable" for Camelot to sell the rights to broadcast the lottery draw results, whatever the ratings.

The sheer scale of advertising will have been welcome at Cordiant, the advertising agency formerly known as Saatchi & Saatchi, which has suffered a turbulent year after the departure of the eponymous brothers. Billings are not disclosed, but Cordiant will be well-rewarded for a task that runs from designing posters to creating TV commercials.

Hefty fees are on hand for Camelot's key advisers, including Price Waterhouse, auditor; SBC Warburg, financial adviser; McKenna & Co, legal adviser; and Royal Bank of Scotland, banker. Brunswick, the City PR firm, steered Camelot through the fiercely competitive licence-bidding round, using strategies normally reserved for City takeover bids. It will have collected a substantial success fee for its work, and continues to advise Camelot.

GTech has individually retained Lowe Bell, led by Sir Tim Bell, to steer it through the rougher patches. Regional PR is in the hands of yet another firm, Hall Harrison Cowley, which has offices from Plymouth to Manchester. The trio of agencies complement Camelot's substantial in-house operation.

Hands-on suppliers range from Chubb Wardens, which provides security guards, to Sutcliffe, which provides catering, but it is in the physical production of tickets and materials that the real riches lie. Key beneficiaries include Stralfors, a Swedish-owned specialist printer, which prints 75 per cent of National Lottery playslips, and produces all the receipt rolls for retailers.

Initial stock was supplied from Sweden, but the company has since set up a factory in Falmouth, creating about 18 jobs, and providing a boost to the local economy. The UK generates about 8 per cent — or £16 million — of Stralfors' £200 million-a-year turnover.

Additional playslips are supplied by Ritchie (UK), a specialist printer based in Kilmarnock, near Glasgow. A spokesman said: "It is a wonderful contract, supplying the biggest brand name in the UK. It has put the company on a solid financial footing." Profits are undisclosed, but Ritchie's turnover is £12 million to £15 million a year.

Another winner is Digital (UK), a subsidiary of the American computer manufacturer, which supplied the mainframe computers that power the lottery, and has technicians on permanent call. Some £4 million was invested in seven computers, and Camelot is soon to embark on upgrading its disks at an estimated cost of £1.5 million. Other suppliers include DecLease, the computer leasing company.

Instants tickets are manufactured by Scientific Games, based in Atlanta, Georgia. They are shipped in by container and delivered to the Camelot distribution centre in Northampton, for onward shipment by Parcelforce, the parcels arm of the Post Office. Parcelforce has six or seven staff permanently on site.

Point of sale material is distributed to retailers by Target Express, a parcel distribution company. Martin Kenyon, regional general manager, said Camelot was a prestige customer, which made a "substantial" contribution to the company's £60 million-plus turnover.

Print & Marketing Services, based in Derby, collates Camelot's point of sale, display and merchandise materials. It also supplies a range of printed materials. The contract has given rise to six new jobs, and provided increased financial security for employees. Artform International, based in Loughborough, makes Instants dispensers and lottery play stations. NDI Display, based in Wilmslow, Cheshire, equipped more than 10,000 retailers with display and promotional material. David Green Displays, of Leicester, prints handbooks for retailers.

Attention next week will inevitably swing back to the main Camelot shareholders, who are braced for the predictable cat-calls. They play varying roles, with GTech as the backbone.

ICL assembles computers supplied in kit form by GTech, and trains retailers through Peritas, its subsidiary. Racal supplies the lines. Cadbury Schweppes and De La Rue provide consulting services.

Camelot can afford to be sanguine. As Peter Murphy, Camelot's finance director, puts it: "It's no accident that Camelot is the second most efficient lottery operator in the world after New Jersey. We have a policy of full disclosure. We don't hide things."

Money-making machine offers giftware bonus

Stripped of its glamour, Camelot is little more than a vast money-making machine. About £90 million a week finds its way from shop and supermarket tills to a variety of destinations — but do not expect a fleet of Securicor vans.

Shopkeepers opening for business on Sunday can learn the week's take at the push of a button. On Monday, money deposited in local bank accounts is transferred electronically to a central account with the Royal Bank of Scotland. Some retailers complain of excessive charging by the banks, which appear to make a tidy turn on the sums passing through the system.

Security equipment manufacturers and insurance companies are among other less obvious beneficiaries. Independent retailers are having to spend £4,000 or more on video systems to monitor queues, owing to the high volumes of cash. Camelot does not help with the expense. Insurers may charge higher premiums to cover the increased risk.

A second large flow of funds occurs on Tuesday, when the tranche payable to good causes is transferred to the National Lottery Distribution Fund (NLDF). From here on, the money is out of Camelot's hands, although many people blame it when funds go to a controversial cause.

The balance of funds owing from retailers is collected on Wednesday. The amount payable in prizes is deposited with the Law Debenture Trust Corporation, which acts as an independent trustee. Funds unclaimed after 180 days are channeled to the NLDF, but Camelot's policy of keeping the interest on unclaimed prizes has been widely condemned. Camelot could earn an extra £10 million in interest this year. MPs say that the money should go to the NLDF.

A colourful, if minor, spin-off, lies in National Lottery Enterprises, which has spawned a mini-industry in lottery-related products. Merchandise includes computer programs, fridge magnets, key-rings, pendants, and gold-plated cufflinks. Camelot has also launched a board game, and is considering brand extensions including a magazine, clothing and licensing deals. Food and drink products have not been ruled out.

These activities fall under the scrutiny of Peter Davis, the much-criticised lottery regulator, and his team at Oflot. Monitoring the lottery has spawned more than 50 government jobs and draws on significant financial resources.

Camelot has invested more than £100 million in its retail network, including terminals, installation and servicing. It faces penalties of £1 million a day if quarterly deadlines are missed. The network is due to peak at 35,000 terminals at the end of the year.

Merchandise carrying the official National Lottery symbol includes gold-plated cufflinks, top, fridge magnets and key rings and computer programs

Beware of the sharks at Camelot's Fort Knox

The sign in a corner of Camelot's top-security warehouse in Northampton says it all: "Sharks Must Be Fed By Authorised Personnel Only." Behind the sign, thousands of gallons of water fill an aluminium-steel tank, ready to feed a sprinkler system at the first hint of fire. Pallets are stacked three-high, filled with Instants games to the value of £600 million.

Intruders to Camelot's Fort Knox might well find themselves fed to the sharks — but they would have to find it first. The warehouse is unmarked, and would not attract more than a passing glance. For all its anonymity, it is the hub of an enterprise that draws on suppliers from Scotland to Cornwall and relies on the tightest security. Anyone attempting to make off with a lorryload of Instants would be wasting their time — they are worthless until activated — but Camelot, nevertheless, takes the threat very seriously. "This represents up to £600 million in lost revenue," says Derek Gent, a former royal bodyguard who manages operations at the site. "Theft could have an impact on the integrity of the game. Otherwise, it's just paper." Employees are rigorously vetted.

Packs of Instants are dispatched by Parcelforce under a bar code system that allows Camelot to tell precisely where a consignment is at any one time. Target Express distributes starter-packs to retailers and transports 20 million play-slips a week. The operation is carried out with minimum fuss and maximum security. The sharks see to that.

Numbers that make operation add up

By the end of this week, or possibly next, the amount paid by Camelot to good causes will pass the £2 billion mark. The figure is one of dozens of statistics churned out by the Camelot enterprise. It will not be the last.

By Saturday night, £5.4 billion in online lottery tickets had been sold since the tills opened in November 1994. Sales of Instants reached £1.7 billion, making total lottery sales of £7.1 billion. The amount payable to the National Lottery Distribution Fund (NLDF) reached £1.9 billion. Lottery duty, at 12 per cent, totals £852 million, while retailers, on 5 per cent, have received £355 million.

About £39 million was spent marketing the lottery launch. Mailshots went out to 21.8 million homes, and 30 million "How To Play" leaflets were distributed.

The scale of the operation guarantees a busy time for the telephone hotline team at Camelot's headquarters, near Watford, Hertfordshire, which fields 17,000 calls a week from retailers. Telephonists are equipped with a diagnostic system that allows them to "see" inside individual terminals. A 120-strong team works in shifts, taking calls from 6am to 11pm. More than 1.7 million calls have been taken since launch — enough to keep one person occupied for 70 years.

The National Lottery Line, at Aintree, near Liverpool, fields an estimated 30,000 calls from the public each week.

Camelot's base handles 17,000 calls a week from retailers

Expertise but an image problem

Every aspect of the National Lottery relies on the technical skill of GTech, the American lottery operator and supplier — but there are times when its fellow Camelot shareholders must wish otherwise. From the moment the lottery licence was thrown open to tender, controversy and GTech have gone hand in glove.

GTech is second to none in lottery expertise, but the problem was one of image. Was it appropriate that a company that had sailed close to the wind (nothing against it has ever been proved) should be allowed a lucrative slice of a huge British money-spinner?

The rub, as Peter Davis, the lottery regulator, admitted to MPs on the Public Accounts Committee, was that just about all the operators that applied had black marks against them. GTech was by no means the worst offender. The choice was either to allow one to participate on its technical strengths, suitably muzzled, or to drop the idea of a lottery altogether.

GTech will not disclose how much it is making from its UK contract, but the 1995 annual report provides some clues. The company supplies the software that makes the lottery "tick", and receives a service fee for providing technical assistance. A hotline is always open to GTech's headquarters in Rhode Island.

Service revenue aside, GTech is entitled to 22.5 per cent of any dividend to Camelot shareholders. It has received about £2.2 million so far, with the possibility of more to come following next week's results. GTech paid $17.1 million for its stake in Camelot.

Camelot was GTech's second-highest revenue-producing customer in the year to February 25, 1995 — a period that takes in the lottery start-up together with the first three months of operations. Overall product sales for fiscal 1995 were $12 million higher, at $147.3 million, largely because of the sale of component parts and equipment for the UK lottery. GTech provides terminals in kit form for assembly by ICL.

GTech made little margin on the sale of National Lottery parts and equipment. However, revenues from UK operations made "significant contributions" to service and product sales revenues in fiscal 1995. The latest annual report is due next month.

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	476½	Allied Domecq†	486	+ 1	6.1	18.4
625	500	Bulmer (HP)	590	- 9	2.7	18.2
131	115	Burn Stewart	115		5.4	24.8
650	615	Glenmorangie A	645	+ 10	2.4	...
464	411	Grand Met	441	+ 6	4.4	18.5
493	435	Guinness	470	- 1	4.0	15.5
377	315	Highland Distl†	372	.	2.7	17.4
185	150	Macallan-Glen	168		1.1	34.5
793	665	Matthew Clark	790	.	3.5	...
131	93	Minyton W	124	..	2.0	
2612½	1706¼	SA Breweries	1893¾	+ 62½	2.0	

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
01905 250 783				
Groland Amer	228.50	242.80	+ 1.50	0.14
Groland Equity	272.70	290.10†	+ 1.80	1.87
Groland Euro	274.20	290.20	+ 1.10	0.56
Groland Expl Bal	133.20	138.00		2.55
Groland Gilt	76.38	78.75	+ 0.02	6.02
Groland Japan	186.10	196.90	− 1.60	..
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	652.00	693.70	+ 3.70	2.49
General Inc	554.00	589.40	+ 3.20	2.49
UK Growth Acc	443.00	471.30†	+ 2.90	2.58
UK Growth Inc	290.90	309.50†	+ 1.90	2.69
Higher Inc Acc	788.80	828.40†	+ 8.20	4.14
Higher Inc Inc	429.80	457.30†	+ 4.40	4.14
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	205.50	217.10	+ 0.10	5.59
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	92.24	97.43	+ 0.05	5.59
Nth America	405.70	431.70†	+ 0.60	
Europe	363.00	386.20	+ 2.20	0.42
Brit Excell	87.95	93.57†	+ 0.54	2.88
Brit Fndmtls Acc	114.20	121.50	+ 0.30	4.65
Brit Fndmtls Inc	78.27	83.27	+ 0.19	4.65
Global Opps	109.20	116.20†	+ 0.40	0.05
Balanced Acc	63.29	67.34†	+ 0.24	2.58
Balanced Inc	59.87	63.70†	+ 0.21	2.58
Japan Acc	49.30	52.45	− 0.23	
Pac Basin Acc	438.80	458.40†	+ 0.60	0.79
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	128.90	136.80		7.31
High Inc Equity	182.40	195.10†	+ 1.60	4.42
Worldwide Bond	287.40	304.80†	+ 0.50	4.59
American Growth	382.20	409.00	+ 1.20	0.18
Asian Pacific	357.20	382.00	+ 1.30	0.08
Assets & Earnings	307.10	328.70†	+ 1.20	2.57
Euro Capital Acc	183.40	198.10	+ 1.00	0.81
Extra Inc	43.77	46.56†	+ 0.10	8.12
General	280.20	299.10	+ 0.70	2.94
Global Opps	71.53	76.10	+ 0.48	0.53
Japan	131.30	140.40	− 0.90	
Managed Inc	48.20	51.28†	+ 0.14	4.53
Masterfund	172.60	184.60	+ 0.60	1.33
US Emerging Cos	237.30	252.40	+ 0.70	
Ethical	84.38	89.74	+ 0.36	2.50
International	145.30	154.60	+ 0.20	0.25
Dividend & Growth	68.48	72.85	+ 0.44	4.21
Global Grth & Sec	72.80	77.75	− 0.11	2.47
Latin America	66.98	71.23	+ 0.65	
Capital Reserve	143.50	143.50		5.23
ABERFORTH UNIT-TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2339.00	2425.00		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	61.25	63.84†	+ 0.16	0.48
Emerging Mkts	76.14	80.34	− 0.40	0.04
European	154.60	160.80	+ 0.40	
Exempt	1092.70	1156.00†	+ 5.00	1.61
Extra Income #	48.21	51.71	+ 0.17	6.40
Far East Emg Ecn	139.70	146.70	+ 0.20	0.43
Fixed Interest #	24.55	25.54†	− 0.02	9.44
Fund Inv Tst	157.10	164.80†		9.30
Japan	194.50	202.30	− 1.90	
Latin American	60.44	62.04	+ 0.06	0.79
Pacific	89.79	94.28†		0.28
Property Share	68.91	72.33	− 0.08	2.43
UK Emerging Cos	74.53	80.57	+ 0.16	1.19
UK Growth	52.12	55.13†	+ 0.24	2.13
Aber World Port #	83.55	85.34	+ 0.11	1.84
Ethical	79.00	82.16	+ 0.29	2.15
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.71	50.71	+ 0.04	7.41
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AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5868				
Resdtl Property #	94.94	101.90		5.09
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	90.80	95.34	+ 0.58	2.03
Income Builder Inc	80.15	85.27	+ 0.37	2.79
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	276.00	295.00	+ 0.90	3.15
Capital	493.10	527.10	+ 1.40	1.19
Balanced	810.60	866.50†	+ 2.50	2.40
Accumulator	1542.00	1648.00†	+ 5.00	1.89
Income Trusts				
American Income	62.95	67.21	+ 0.12	2.38
High Income	445.60	476.50	+ 1.00	3.97
Equity Income	252.90	270.20	+ 1.40	3.91
High Yield	269.50	288.00†	+ 0.90	4.06
Govt Securities	33.36	35.21†	+ 0.07	6.20
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	221.70	236.60	− 0.80	0.05
European Growth	54.40	57.98	+ 0.23	0.07
International	196.60	210.10	− 0.20	0.11
Japan	219.90	235.00	+ 0.30	
Pacific	445.30	476.00	+ 0.30	
Secs of America	610.10	650.10†	− 1.20	0.12
Wwide Asset Val	58.39	62.41	− 0.08	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	618.20	660.60†	+ 3.60	1.53
Conv & Gilt	48.88	52.25	+ 0.15	4.15
Smaller Cos	219.30	234.40	− 0.20	0.95
2nd Smaller Cos	208.30	222.60	− 0.30	0.83
Recovery	169.30	180.90†	− 0.50	1.56
Met Min & Cmdy	187.10	200.00†	− 0.30	0.16
Oseas Earnings	418.20	447.00	+ 1.00	1.12
Technology	240.10	256.60†	− 2.32	
UK Special Sits	575.50	615.20	− 0.70	1.02
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	117.70	122.20		9.04
Foundtn Pers Pens	70.19	72.92	.	1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	80.97	86.14	+ 0.51	1.64
International	72.57	77.20	.	
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	358.90	383.40	+ 1.90	.
Bond	115.00	121.00†	+ 0.10	6.92
Brit Smlr Cos	126.50	134.60	+ 0.40	1.56
Conv & Gen #	73.63	78.33†	− 0.05	5.04
Europe	280.00	297.00	+ 0.80	0.57
Euro Smlr Cos	124.60	132.70	+ 0.20	0.60
Income Grth	389.10	413.90	+ 0.30	4.22
Japan	340.60	362.40	− 2.00	.
Latin American	90.01	95.75	+ 1.47	0.81
Pacific	122.20	130.00	− 0.60	1.13
UK Smlr Cos	63.05	67.07	+ 0.02	1.20
Japan Fd	719.20	741.30	− 4.50	...
Mngd Fd	202.80	215.40†	+ 0.80	2.79
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	378.20	400.10	.	0.89
Capital Grth	127.20	134.80		2.45
Wwide Opps	228.50	241.70		0.85
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	413.70	430.90†	+ 2.10	2.44
European Bd Inc	96.47	99.86	+ 0.08	6.48
Exempt	79.90	85.17†	+ 0.40	2.98
Financial	97.55	104.30†	+ 0.60	2.65
500	535.40	578.80	+ 1.00	2.28
General	320.40	343.00	+ 1.80	2.49
Property	241.10	258.70†		5.28
Trustee	221.70	237.10	+ 1.20	2.29
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.70	100.70	.	5.28
Extra Income #	135.10	144.50†	+ 0.60	4.84
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.81	58.81†	+ 0.01	8.06
Income #	585.60	625.60	+ 2.80	4.64
Income Builder #	69.15	73.76	+ 0.24	5.36
Intl Income	71.64	76.21	+ 0.35	2.60
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	138.70	148.00	+ 0.70	2.15
Leisure	179.90	192.49	+ 0.30	0.66
Recovery	483.60	516.60	+ 2.00	2.66
Smllr Cos Inc	61.58	66.03	+ 0.05	1.87
Special Sits	388.40	415.49	− 0.20	0.90
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	179.30	190.50†	+ 0.70	0.01
Aust Acc	298.05	318.50	+ 2.80	1.81
Aust Inc	179.70	192.00	+ 1.60	1.81
Euro Grth Inc	183.70	205.50	+ 0.70	0.72
-do- Accum	209.10	221.90	+ 0.60	0.72
Japan & Gen Inc	164.20	173.80	− 1.60	.
-do- Accum	166.10	175.80	− 1.60	.
Japan Spec Sits	76.29	80.81	− 0.85	
Worldwide	205.00	217.60	+ 0.40	0.51
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	135.50	143.10	+ 0.20	..
Amer Smlr Cos	190.30	203.60	+ 1.70	.
Convertibles	60.78	65.17	+ 0.14	4.90
Eastern	327.80	353.10		0.20
Equity Income	95.88	102.20†	+ 0.30	3.80
European Growth	378.50	402.10†	+ 3.90	0.80
Europe	360.40	383.70	+ 0.90	1.90
German Growth	88.40	93.67	+ 0.29	0.50
Global Bond	71.06	74.78	+ 0.31	6.50
Global Growth	152.30	161.90	+ 0.20	0.40
Japan Growth	211.80	225.60	− 0.60	.
Japan Sunrise	177.70	189.00	− 2.20	..
Korea Trust	80.55	87.26	− 1.94	
Portfolio	147.70	158.20	+ 0.40	2.30
-do- Accum	276.50	296.20	+ 0.80	2.30
UK Growth	100.80	108.00	+ 0.40	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	100.90	109.50†	+ 0.10	2.50
Select Managers	91.73	98.32	+ 0.27	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Grth Port Inc	94.66	100.70	+ 0.10	
Special Oppor Inc	64.69	68.82	+ 0.65	
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	139.19	147.29†	+ 0.65	1.30
-do- Accum	160.39	169.77	+ 0.75	1.30
Smaller Cos	156.66	166.78†	− 0.01	0.44
Higher Yield #	55.98	59.24†	+ 0.22	3.64
American Gth Inc	105.16	111.28	− 0.55	..
European Growth	167.74	177.51	+ 1.50	0.10
-do- Accum	171.11	181.07	+ 1.53	0.10
Global Bond Inc #	26.47	27.41†	− 0.01	6.93
Mngd Ptflo Inc	54.51	57.66	+ 0.30	1.29
-do- Accum	56.18	59.42	+ 0.31	1.29
Intl Spec Opps	175.09	185.28	+ 2.30	..
Pacific Grth	158.84	168.09	+ 0.91	0.02
UK General #	94.62	100.13	+ 0.43	2.72
-do- Accum #	99.61	105.40	+ 0.45	2.72
Japan	63.95	67.67	− 0.40	.
Gilt & Fixed Int #	97.82	101.37†	+ 0.02	8.80
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	65.04	65.87	+ 0.05	6.45
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	193.90	204.10	+ 1.10	1.75
UK Growth	205.50	216.30	+ 1.60	2.08
UK Income	144.20	151.80†	+ 0.70	4.52
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	234.20	248.20	+ 2.10	1.60
-do- Income Dist	121.30	128.60†	+ 0.80	3.89
-do- Accum	390.00	413.40	+ 2.00	3.89
Gilt & Fxd Inc	40.44	42.50	+ 0.06	6.40
Growth Units	244.00	261.80	+ 1.60	2.02
Bond	173.00	182.30	+ 0.10	7.30
Intl Growth	256.50	272.80†	+ 2.20	0.19
North American	266.80	284.20	+ 1.40	0.17
Far East	326.20	347.80	+ 0.80	0.56
UK Smaller Cos	233.80	250.10†	− 0.10	0.78
European	98.29	104.20	+ 0.60	0.78
Japanese Growth	50.56	53.67	− 0.26	...
High Income	210.80	225.20	+ 1.40	4.21
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7456				
American & Gen	232.40	246.50	+ 1.40	.
European Inc	94.23	98.67	+ 0.39	0.67
Smaller Cos (4-1)	109.30	116.20	+ 0.40	1.27
Growth	537.30	571.70	+ 6.40	1.53
Income & Growth #	454.80	483.90	+ 4.80	3.84
-do- Accum #	672.30	715.30	+ 7.20	3.84
Japan & Gen	74.75	79.30	− 0.17	
Master Portfolio	£117.85	£121.73†	+ 59.00	1.85
-do- Accum	£144.40	£149.16	+ 72.00	1.85
Special Sits	124.70	132.70	+ 0.50	1.56
High Yield	£14.55	£15.00†	+ 13.00	4.37

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	102.82	108.77	+ 0.21	2.35
American Portfolio	125.08	132.87	+ 0.16	0.85
European Portfolio	132.12	141.06	+ 0.12	0.63
High Income	50.53	50.65†	+ 0.07	7.90
Japanese Portfolio	73.52	78.09	− 0.19	..
Pacific Portfolio	164.47	176.85	− 0.17	1.35
UK Equity	97.28	103.85	+ 0.34	3.06
UK Equity & Bd	55.60	58.95	+ 0.45	6.47
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0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	754.34	765.74	− 5.35	4.23
Fxd Int Sec	154.48	155.10	− 0.43	9.22
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	742.54	753.78	− 2.12	4.35
Investment Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	− 9.61	..
Fixed Int Inc	125.04	125.54	+ 0.23	9.24
Fixed Int Acc	217.63	218.51	+ 0.40	.
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	88.73	93.71	.	3.17
Beck Bio-Tech	51.83	55.96	..	
Acorn Ethical Tst	187.98	197.40		0.55
City Fin Assets	82.36	86.49†	− 0.64	1.55
City Fin America	126.58	132.90		
City Fin Intl	97.84	102.74†	.	0.47
City Fin Japan	166.16	174.48		
Friars Hse Cap	338.89	349.88	− 1.34	2.15
Friars Hse Inc	199.97	212.73†	− 0.50	3.82
Buckley Wrld Gwth	158.15	167.64		
J Sal Inc/Gth Inc	56.83	59.68	...	1.57
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	59.83	63.27	− 0.01	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Grth	86.75	92.29	+ 0.59	..
Dragon Growth	77.11	82.47	+ 0.29	0.33
Equity High Inc	90.02	95.77	+ 0.51	4.12
-do- Accum	126.71	134.80	+ 0.72	4.12
Extra Income Inc	26.00	27.38	− 0.03	7.54
Extra Income Acc	27.81	29.26	− 0.03	7.54
European Grth	64.39	68.32	+ 0.33	0.90
Evergreen	33.42	35.74	+ 0.02	
General Equity	101.20	107.37	+ 0.41	2.90
Japan Growth	55.36	58.89	− 0.38	..
Pedigree Grth	63.26	67.30	+ 0.25	2.38
Pacl Sm Cos Inc	39.42	41.94†	+ 0.08	1.21
-do- Accum	41.76	44.43	+ 0.08	1.21
Retirement Inc #	27.71	29.48	+ 0.15	5.90
Special Sits	48.35	51.44	+ 0.10	2.03
UK & Overseas	61.17	64.90	+ 0.18	0.57
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 886 000				
Balanced	66.04	70.67	+ 0.25	4.05
Capital	81.71	85.11	+ 0.33	2.80
High Income	50.03	52.11†	+ 0.02	7.27
Top 50	54.61	56.88	+ 0.40	2.14
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 6818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	188.31	200.33	+ 0.82	4.59
Long Gilt	41.81	44.35	+ 0.07	6.45
Monthly Inc Plus	48.83	51.95	− 0.01	8.62
Preference Share	47.10	50.11	+ 1.22	7.95
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	136.85	145.80	+ 0.44	5.86
Managed Fund	77.91	82.88	+ 0.36	2.59
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	52.45	55.80	+ 0.16	1.70
-do- Accum	62.00	65.96	+ 0.19	1.70
UK & General	95.06	101.13	+ 0.52	2.55
-do- Accum	123.29	131.16	+ 0.67	2.55
UK Growth	188.68	200.72	+ 1.14	1.40
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	217.06	230.91	+ 1.27	0.63
Far Eastern Grth	146.75	156.12	− 0.16	0.02
Global Bond	82.89	88.08	+ 0.05	5.63
Japan Growth	124.35	132.29	− 0.10	.
North Amer Grth	245.82	261.51	+ 1.70	..
Oriental Growth	89.35	95.05	− 0.14	0.24
Worldwide Growth	77.79	82.76	+ 0.27	0.10
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.06	92.06	+ 0.02	5.30
Homemaker Fund	93.31	99.27	+ 0.47	1.52
Quilter Fund	155.62	165.55	+ 0.71	1.89
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	36.37	38.90	..	3.19
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	184.30	196.10†	+ 1.10	1.19
Income	71.83	76.42	+ 0.21	4.90
European	76.17	81.03	+ 0.41	0.65
Recovery	191.50	203.70	+ 1.60	1.45
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	950.00	965.40		3.45
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	113.30	120.50	+ 0.20	1.08
Income #	284.50	302.60	+ 1.00	4.18
-do- Accum #	744.60	792.10	+ 2.70	4.18
Smaller Cos	244.80	260.40	+ 0.70	0.88
-do- Accum	302.60	321.90	+ 0.80	0.88
Gth Portfolio	102.50	109.00	+ 0.40	1.56
High Inc Port #	82.76	88.04	+ 0.32	4.32
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Euro Small Cos	1714.40	1789.60	−	..
Japan Small Cos	1454.70	1483.70	.	.
UK Small Cos	2245.70	2333.10		2.64
US Small Cos	2292.60	2336.40		0.89
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	236.40	248.90	..	2.80
For Dunedin see Edinburgh				
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	166.20	176.80	+ 0.90	1.83
UK High Inc Inc	171.60	182.50†	+ 1.30	3.74
-do- Accum	231.80	246.50†	+ 1.80	3.74
UK Pref & F I Inc	58.49	62.10	+ 0.01	5.95
Environmtl Opps	100.10	106.40†	+ 0.40	0.94
UK Smlr Cos #	69.54	73.97	+ 0.05	0.80
Extra Income Inc	47.90	50.95	..	8.34
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 000 526				
American	189.00	200.10	+ 0.60	0.40
Convertibles #	22.72	24.14	+ 0.03	5.80
Equity Income #	144.10	153.10	+ 0.70	3.92
EuroFund	63.53	67.21	+ 0.58	0.30
Financial	55.92	59.42	+ 0.07	1.51
Growth & Inc #	288.50	306.50	+ 1.30	2.77
High Dist #	178.10	189.20†	+ 1.20	4.49
International	462.20	491.10	+ 0.50	0.06
Intl Cap Inc	108.80	116.10†	+ 0.20	2.50
Latin American	34.35	36.50	+ 0.15	.
Pacific	91.81	97.55	− 0.24	..
Pref High Inc	21.87	23.24†	+ 0.01	7.10
Tokyo	245.90	260.70	+ 0.80	
UK Smaller Cos	271.70	288.70†	− 0.30	1.04
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
European Grth	337.70	358.70†	+ 1.70	0.59
New Asia	254.40	271.30	+ 2.10	0.21
Japan Growth	120.90	128.30	− 0.60	
Jap Smlr Co	507.50	540.80†	− 5.30	..
Nth Amer	428.20	452.90	+ 0.40	0.65
UK Inc & Gth	245.10	261.70†	+ 1.00	2.83
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Brit Director Dlgs	116.72	124.83	+ 0.08	1.25
Growth Acc	253.52	270.92	− 0.60	0.45
Income	612.60	647.68	− 3.29	4.83
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	234.60	249.60	.	0.97
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	94.53	99.51	+ 0.06	1.94
Ethical Tst	52.38	55.01	+ 0.10	0.65
Far Eastern	334.05	351.63	− 0.31	1.56
High Income	137.72	144.97†	+ 0.53	4.80
UK Index Trckng	48.98	51.56	+ 0.23	3.24
Intl Growth	153.76	161.85	+ 0.10	0.21
North American	153.34	161.41	− 0.04	1.51
Pelican	136.44	143.62	+ 0.51	3.16
Smaller Cos	76.70	80.74	+ 0.10	2.74
Special Sits	102.36	107.75	− 0.07	2.43
Tst of Inv Tsts	220.45	232.05	+ 0.32	1.06
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	238.58	253.81†	+ 0.05	1.46
Smaller Cos Acc	425.17	452.31†	+ 0.10	1.46
Recovery	59.30	63.09†	− 0.06	1.35
Recovery Acc	61.27	65.18†	− 0.08	1.35
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	88.76	95.18	− 0.01	
Fd of Inv Tsts	53.29	56.84	.	0.51
High Income #	38.29	41.84†	− 0.03	11.21
Managed	56.31	60.12	− 0.16	
Zero Preference	42.54	45.13		.
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	91.04	96.85†	+ 0.500	2.37
Unmgd Charities	308.60	328.50†	+ 2.900	2.98
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.40
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.43	27.51†	+ 0.01	7.27
Intl Bond	29.43	30.52†	− 0.03	5.50
Income Funds				
High Income	25.92	27.23	+ 0.11	5.30
Income Plus	127.80	135.90	+ 0.90	3.89
Amer Eq Inc	66.22	69.11†	+ 0.21	1.05
European Income	49.89	53.04	+ 0.18	2.58
Far East Inc	68.25	72.71†	− 0.44	1.52
Global Convertible	26.41	28.12	..	2.48
UK Div Grth	30.72	32.67	+ 0.26	2.00
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	72.91	77.70	+ 0.01	...
American	342.90	363.50	+ 0.10	.
Amer Spec Sits	201.40	214.80†	− 0.70	..
Japan Smaller Cos	38.72	41.31	− 0.40	.
European	228.70	240.80	+ 2.20	0.56
European Opps	81.31	86.46	+ 0.33	0.02
Global Priv	32.30	34.35	+ 0.24	0.33
UK Growth	122.10	129.90	+ 0.30	1.10
Growth & Inc	174.30	185.40	+ 1.30	2.57
Intl PEP	47.68	50.91	+ 0.23	0.95
Japan Spec Sits	99.95	106.50	− 0.70	.
Japan	193.40	205.40	− 0.90	.
Managed Intl	358.50	380.70	+ 0.70	0.49
Moneybuilder	69.29	73.68	+ 0.01	
Recovery	61.32	65.20	− 0.04	1.66
South E Asia	188.69	201.40	+ 0.40	0.96
Special Sits	747.30	794.50	− 0.10	0.58
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	114.37	114.37	+ 0.06	5.40
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	156.70	159.50		1.67
Inc Ptflio #	93.35	95.10†	+ 0.42	3.27
Cap Ptflio	165.00	167.70	+ 1.00	0.98
General Opps	140.40	142.10†	...	3.76
Growth Inc	36.97	37.69†	+ 0.16	0.95
Private Portfolio	508.40	518.20	...	1.04
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 380 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	149.60	158.00	+ 0.20	0.48
Emerg Asian	161.20	174.60	− 1.80	.
High Income	21.80	23.16	+ 0.13	9.72
UK Income	111.20	118.50†		4.23
US Smaller Cos	442.80	471.90	+ 2.10	.
For Foster & Braithwaite see Quilter				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	83.04	88.45	...	..
-do- Accum	83.04	88.45	..	...
Amer Smllr Cos	756.60	809.20	..	.
-do- Accum	772.90	826.80	..	.
Capital Tst	402.20	427.90	..	0.89
-do- Accum	587.50	625.00	..	0.89
Contl Smllr Cos	65.55	69.82	..	0.76
-do- Accum	69.17	73.68	.	0.76
Convertible	143.20	152.30	.	5.26
-do- Accum	304.00	323.40	.	5.26
Emerging Markets	73.77	78.81	.	0.20
-do- Accum	74.02	79.08	..	0.20
European	148.40	157.30†	..	0.35
-do- Accum	157.00	166.40†	..	0.35
Extra Income	385.50	410.10	.	3.69
-do- Accum	569.90	606.20	.	3.69
Financial	167.50	178.30†	...	0.88
-do- Accum	178.00	189.40†	.	0.86
Gilt Trust	63.09	65.06†	.	6.41
-do- Accum	95.55	98.54†	...	6.41
Health Fund Inc	317.10	338.80†	..	..
-do- Accum	317.10	338.80†	...	
Income & Growth	225.60	240.00†	..	3.08
-do- Accum	357.40	380.20†	.	3.08
Intl Growth	461.60	492.20†	..	
-do- Accum	512.80	546.50†	..	
Japan & Gen	191.40	203.30	..	
-do- Accum	193.30	205.30	..	
Monthly Inc #	192.70	205.00†	..	4.40
Managed Port Inc	122.30	129.70†	.	1.59
-do- Accum	132.80	139.80†	.	1.59
Quarterly Income #	56.86	61.06†	.	4.34
-do- Accum #	64.27	69.03†	..	4.34
Recovery	388.40	413.30	...	0.19
-do- Accum	456.10	487.60	..	0.19
UK Growth	64.79	68.93†	.	1.92
-do- Accum	70.16	74.68†	.	1.92
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715635 Enq 01722 715634				
FP American	62.94	66.95†	+ 0.26	0.09
FP Am Smllr Cos	221.40	236.70†	+ 1.90	.
FP Asian Growth	302.00	322.90	+ 0.50	.
FP Australian	424.90	455.90	+ 5.30	...
FP Equity Dist	444.10	472.40†	+ 3.40	2.49
-do- Accum	978.60	[illegible]	+ 7.00	2.49
FP Euro Gth	282.60	300.60†	+ 2.40	.
-do- Accum	309.20	328.90	+ 2.70	...
FP Intl Bond	60.71	64.34	..	4.46
FP Intl Gth Dist	39.67	42.33†	+ 0.12	0.06
-do- Accum	57.92	61.81	+ 0.17	0.06
FP Pac Basin Acc	235.10	251.30	..	..
FP Income #	59.34	63.29	+ 0.55	5.08
-do- Accum #	200.60	213.99	+ 1.90	5.08
FP Jap Smllr Cos	326.20	347.99	− 5.70	...
FP Monthly Dist #	74.85	79.86†	+ 0.22	5.71
FP Stlg Deposit	100.70	100.70	...	5.35
FP Tokyo	88.89	94.81	− 0.36	
FP UK Focus	41.91	44.64†	+ 0.23	2.54
FP UK Growth	194.90	207.80	+ 1.80	2.31
-do- Accum	386.80	412.50	+ 3.60	2.31
Stewardship Dist	433.40	461.60†	+ 0.18	1.34
-do- Accum	543.80	578.50	+ 0.10	1.34
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	83.50	88.82†	− 0.04	4.47
-do- Accum #	113.10	120.90	..	4.47
N Am Stshp Dist	132.70	141.10	− 0.60	0.29
-do- Accum	142.30	151.30	− 0.90	0.29
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Grth Acc	128.40	136.50†	− 0.60	1.24
Open Cap Gth Acc	134.10	142.60†	− 1.80	0.12
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	120.30	127.90	− 0.70	2.49
Cap/Gth Inc Acc #	125.80	133.80	− 0.70	2.49
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	122.80	130.40	− 0.50	3.29
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	129.10	137.20	− 0.40	3.29
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 681 106/7				
GAMDA	283.30	299.80†	+ 1.29	2.05
Cash	49.41	50.15†	+ 0.02	5.31
Growth Portfolio	92.26	97.79	+ 0.40	0.84
Income Portfolio	71.22	75.32†	+ 0.30	4.08
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 286 8441				
Special Sits	260.50	278.60	[illegible]	1.13
Dividend	97.15	103.90	+ 0.40	4.24
Intl Gth & Inc	257.60	275.50	+ 2.00	2.79
UK & Gen	50.30	53.80	+ 0.26	1.95
Fund of Funds	79.36	84.86	− 0.24	..
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 272274 Dealing 0171 626 8431				
Amer Spec Sits	301.40	322.40	+ 0.30	0.10
European Gth	734.50	783.70	+ 5.40	0.61
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	54.22	57.62	+ 0.25	4.98
-do- Accum	60.18	63.94	+ 0.28	4.98
Far East & Gen	289.50	309.70	− 0.70	..
German Growth	141.70	150.10	+ 1.00	.
High Yield #	48.36	51.10	+ 0.05	8.28
-do- Accum #	52.36	55.33	+ 0.05	8.28
Income Inc	193.70	207.20	+ 1.80	4.12
-do- Accum	217.60	232.80	+ 0.70	4.12
International	401.50	429.70	+ 0.60	0.29
Intl Income	97.60	103.30	+ 0.40	2.79
Japan Growth	455.00	482.90	− 1.20	...
Korean Securities	68.11	72.85	− 0.69	.
Orient Acc	189.50	202.70	+ 0.80	0.17
UK General Inc	200.70	214.70	+ 1.20	0.88
UK General Acc	355.20	379.90	+ 2.00	0.88
UK Smllr Cos Inc	53.03	56.72	+ 0.03	1.71
-do- Accum	59.73	63.88	+ 0.04	1.71
UK Spec Sits	106.40	113.80	..	1.74
US Growth	199.80	213.50	+ 0.90	..
Wwide Spec Sits	162.30	172.70	+ 1.40	.
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	59.14	63.20	+ 0.34	1.79
Cash Trust	144.27	144.27†	+ 0.06	5.34
Practical Inv Inc #	124.47	133.12	+ 0.08	3.61
-do- Accum #	293.53	313.94	+ 0.22	3.61
UK Index	170.34	177.23	+ 1.80	3.22
UK Smaller Cos	191.90	205.24	− 0.23	0.57
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.15	26.03†	+ 0.02	7.51
High Income	34.83	36.94†	+ 0.13	5.15
UK Equity Income	156.86	167.84	+ 0.47	3.07
Global Bond	30.35	31.46	+ 0.02	5.12
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	50.83	53.51†	+ 0.15	
Global Managed	157.85	167.68†	+ 0.83	1.28
Gold & Intl Res	129.86	138.88	+ 0.85	...
Global Utilities	151.31	161.37	+ 2.95	1.24
Overseas Funds				
American	211.83	225.23	+ 1.62	0.98
European	137.56	145.71	+ 0.61	0.81
Euro Sel Opps	208.61	221.28	+ 0.59	...
Amer Emerging	191.97	206.32	+ 0.81	..
Hong Kong	168.01	177.70	+ 1.60	1.78
Japan	263.13	279.88	− 1.16	..
Pacific Growth	248.82	263.76	+ 0.55	...
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	260.19	260.19†	+ 1.00	1.93
Long Term Bal	278.69	278.69†	+ 0.70	2.72
Med Term Bal	227.42	227.42†	+ 0.41	2.85
UK Equity	296.07	298.07†	+ 1.41	2.44
UK Emerging Cos	183.75	183.75	+ 0.13	1.76
American	334.68	334.68	+ 2.29	0.97
Japan	143.37	143.37	+ 0.14	...
European	351.82	351.82	+ 1.92	0.98
Index Linked Gilt	179.31	179.31	+ 0.31	2.71
Fixed Interest	169.27	169.27†	+ 0.50	6.82
Amer Emerging	436.42	436.42	+ 1.34	..
Pacific	285.41	285.41	+ 0.38	0.79
Emerging Mkts	136.41	136.41	− 0.06	0.37
Index Strat Japan	161.21	161.21	+ 0.02	0.09
-do- Pacific Rim	219.64	219.64	+ 0.55	1.22
-do- Cont Europe	189.62	189.62	+ 0.98	1.87
Index Strat USA	195.18	195.18	+ 1.03	1.98
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	122.40	130.21	+ 0.58	..
Med Term Bal	108.10	115.09	+ 0.27	.
Long Term Bal	125.09	133.06	+ 0.41	.
UK Equity	136.88	145.62	+ 0.75	.
UK Emerging Cos	86.04	91.53	+ 0.12	...
American	154.77	164.65	+ 1.22	.
Japan	68.46	72.82	+ 0.11	.
European	145.89	155.20	+ 0.94	.
Fixed Interest	86.56	92.10	+ 0.30	.
Index Linked Gilt	79.70	84.78	+ 0.18	.
Deposit	86.21	91.71	+ 0.12	.
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	166.71	175.48	− 0.56	0.49
Bwhill Gth Port Inc	74.14	78.25	− 0.31	0.80
-do- Inc Port Inc	63.18	66.66†	− 0.22	3.50
-do- Wwide Port	64.59	68.17	− 1.35	0.10
Shaw Utilities	57.14	60.31†	− 2.00	3.15
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	633.89	674.35		0.96
-do- Accum	715.85	761.54		0.96
European Inc	180.94	191.89	− 0.77	0.86
Amalgam Inc	165.10	175.88	− 0.78	0.33
N America Inc	459.54	488.87		0.46
Far East Inc	412.23	438.54		0.14
-do- Accum	427.23	454.50		0.14
UK Divid Inc	212.49	226.04		2.35
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc #	101.86	108.93	− 1.56	4.36
UK Small Cos	69.43	74.24	+ 0.03	0.58
British Growth	67.63	72.32†	+ 0.36	2.73
American Gwth	325.58	348.20	+ 0.02	
Japan Gwth	72.82	77.57	− 1.54	
Greater China	202.22	216.27	+ 0.82	0.19
Pacific Strategy	172.50	184.48	+ 1.56	.
European Gwth	116.23	124.33	+ 0.99	0.48
Intl Growth	181.50	194.11	+ 1.47	.
US Index (£)	18.4271	19.4162	+ 0.0346	4.09
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	95.20	101.81	+ 0.30	2.17
Monthly Income	41.61	44.33†	+ 0.42	8.60
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Gtd UK Index (£)	13.8029	14.5720†	+ 0.2285	4.75
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	115.42	122.78	.	1.48
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9660				
European	591.10	631.50	+ 3.80	0.42
Gilt & Fixed	127.10	134.88	+ 0.30	5.96
Growth Equity	423.40	452.30†	+ 1.40	1.12
Income Trust	149.90	160.19	+ 0.90	4.46
International	221.80	236.90	+ 0.20	0.04
Japan Trust	136.10	145.48	− 1.50	..
Nth American	381.60	407.60†	+ 1.30	..
Pacific	640.40	684.10†	+ 0.80	.
Guardhill	645.30	689.40	+ 2.40	1.15
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	109.20	113.33	+ 0.33	5.58
Global High Inc	103.17	107.09	+ 0.18	6.17
Corporate Bond	103.11	107.02	+ 0.04	7.44
Eqty & Bond Inc	109.08	115.97†	+ 0.36	4.82
European Growth	128.47	136.60	+ 0.98	
Intl PEP Trust	72.66	77.26	+ 0.70	
Equity Inc	134.51	143.02†	+ 2.31	3.98
-do- Accum	195.44	207.81	+ 3.35	3.98
Recovery	400.60	425.80	+ 0.40	1.96
-do- Accum	473.60	503.50	+ 0.50	1.96
St Vinc High Inc	127.19	129.09	− 3.07	7.58
UK Emerg Cos	319.50	339.70†	+ 0.60	2.16
UK Smlr Cos	436.90	444.60	+ 2.00	2.24
Glob Priv Tst	117.80	125.34†	+ 0.78	1.45
-do- Accum	120.27	127.98	+ 0.79	1.45
Inc Share Tst	88.71	94.32	− 0.01	9.29
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050 01904 611110				
Growth	32.76	34.74	+ 0.14	1.75
Growth Acc	33.48	35.50	+ 0.15	1.75
Income	31.67	33.58	+ 0.15	4.05
Income Acc	33.03	35.02	+ 0.15	4.05
Accumulation Tst	24.65	26.70	+ 0.17	2.18
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
High Provider	98.00	101.30†	+ 0.30	6.54
Model Ptflio	239.30	251.60	+ 1.30	2.33
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 0645 494949 Dealing: 0645 464646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	382.65	409.43	+ 1.14	0.88
Best of British	73.21	77.82†	+ 0.42	2.39
UK Smaller Cos	159.26	171.20	+ 0.20	1.16
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	304.67	324.46†	+ 0.90	3.31
-do- Accum #	858.54	914.31	+ 2.54	3.31
High Income	342.27	365.88†	+ 0.98	4.57
Extra Income #	293.98	312.64	+ 0.88	5.69
Pref & Bond	48.32	49.94†	+ 0.09	8.39
International				
International	338.32	357.49	+ 1.51	.
Global Bond	57.28	60.27	+ 0.21	5.60
Intl Pref Tst	101.92	109.00†	− 0.38	0.31
Global Tech	279.84	299.64†	− 0.34	.
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	206.23	220.54	+ 0.69	0.16
European	618.17	654.77†	+ 2.22	1.55
European Income #	95.51	101.19	+ 0.46	3.23

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	185.16	198.00†	+ 0.85	2.15
European Value	94.38	100.45†	+ 0.40	1.26
-do- Accum	101.54	108.06	+ 0.43	1.26
Japan Trust	246.35	261.97	+ 0.97	.
Japan Smllr Cos	257.90	274.76	− 2.53	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	266.78	284.20	− 0.56	
North American	327.10	346.99	+ 1.93	
American Smaller	196.28	209.49†	+ 0.35	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	161.40	169.90	+ 0.50	4.67
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	118.42	124.00†	+ 0.87	1.99
Capital	207.96	217.76	+ 1.67	1.22
Dollar	523.61	549.29†	+ 0.61	..
Enterprise Gth	441.26	462.05	+ 0.74	1.11
European	287.81	301.10	+ 1.82	0.35
Far East	352.61	369.27	+ 1.08	...
Financial	£10.06	£10.54	+ 5.16	1.89
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.67	26.90	+ 0.02	6.90
High Yield	107.27	112.33†	+ 0.62	4.03
Income & Growth	156.81	164.30†	+ 0.85	3.38
International	312.65	327.38	+ 1.34	.
Japanese General	233.06	244.04	+ 1.05	..
Japan Tech	99.25	103.93	− 0.50	.
Nat Resources	98.42	103.05	+ 1.00	.
Portfolio	88.12	92.27†	+ 0.35	1.27
Special Sits	216.03	226.21	+ 1.84	0.13
UK Emerging Cos	130.62	135.77	+ 0.33	0.56
US Smaller Cos	172.52	180.65	+ 0.70	..
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	629.50	671.80	+ 2.80	5.07
Capital	716.20	764.40†	+ 5.30	2.36
High Income #	113.10	120.70†	+ 0.40	6.87
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	635.40	674.90†	+ 2.30	0.52
European Gwth	148.30	155.80	+ 0.90	.
Japan Gwth	303.40	323.50	− 1.80	.
Japan Smllr Cos	37.25	39.66	− 0.58	...
Asian	69.22	73.87	+ 0.22	0.09
Stlg & Mkting Gwth	91.28	97.42†	− 2.78	..
Hong Kong Gwth	135.70	144.80	+ 1.59	1.11
Global Bond	23.01	24.30	+ 0.02	6.18
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	185.40	186.20	+ 1.00	3.40
Triple Index	132.39	135.88		2.80
THE FOOTSIE FUND	63.25	63.58	+ 0.42	3.00
Index Funds-International				
American Index	288.60	290.60	+ 1.40	1.03
Eurotrack 100	199.10	200.10	+ 1.40	1.31
Japan Index	65.08	65.42	− 0.22	0.06
Tiger Index	229.00	230.20	+ 0.78	0.39
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	51.71	53.75†	+ 0.14	0.49
General Funds				
Managed Dist	80.58	84.16†	+ 0.24	1.19
Managed	93.66	98.74†	+ 0.25	1.19
Rupert Child Fnd	98.22	102.10†	+ 0.70	2.17
UK Growth	69.74	72.49†	+ 0.97	1.80
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	87.90	91.37†	+ 0.20	8.56
Gilt & Fixed Int #	26.62	27.47†	+ 0.04	8.25
UK Inc & Gwth	46.82	48.67†	+ 0.25	3.08
UK Income #	367.90	382.40†	+ 1.00	4.84
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	64.66	67.06†	+ 0.34	0.11
Amer Smllr Cos	185.10	192.40	+ 1.10	
-do- Accum	187.60	194.40	+ 1.20	
Europe Gth	238.00	246.90	+ 0.70	...
-do- Accum	246.50	255.70	+ 0.60	.
Euro Smaller Cos	45.76	47.57	− 0.03	...
French Growth	98.70	102.60†	+ 0.60	0.33
-do- Accum	106.80	111.00†	+ 0.80	0.33
H Kong & China	97.10	100.80†	+ 0.90	1.57
Intl Growth	69.79	72.55	+ 0.36	0.16
-do- Accum	70.78	73.58	+ 0.36	0.16
Japan Gth	35.08	36.47	..	.
-do- Accum	35.08	36.47	..	...
Japan Smaller Cos	42.36	44.03	− 0.48	.
Glob Emg Mkts	104.90	109.00	− 0.60	.
-do- Accum	105.70	109.90	− 0.40	.
SE Asia	373.70	388.50†	+ 1.90	0.15
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	54.53	56.18†	...	5.93
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 261010				
Sector Value Inc #	99.64	105.20†	+ 0.60	3.91
Sector Value Grth	100.50	106.20†	+ 0.70	2.14
Hy 5 Europe	98.44	104.40†	+ 0.40	2.67
Slater Grth	147.10	155.30	+ 1.50	.
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	271.20	288.50	+ 4.70	
Income #	214.62	228.31	+ 1.08	4.23
UK Growth	85.42	90.87	+ 0.35	1.98
Intl Growth	93.74	99.71	+ 0.83	0.43
Ecology	107.59	114.45†	+ 0.47	0.94
European	194.03	206.41	+ 0.20	
Far Eastern	331.60	352.90	− 0.70	..

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Dealers: 0171 956 7364				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	99.26	102.70		7.58
Gilt Yield	117.40	123.90	+ 0.20	6.08
Global Income	238.20	259.40†	+ 0.70	3.50
High Yield	152.90	162.70†	+ 0.80	5.51
-do- Accum	491.60	523.00†	+ 2.40	5.51
Smllr Cos Div	64.20	68.39†	− 0.01	3.15
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	167.00	177.70	− 0.20	.
Asian Growth	371.80	395.50	+ 0.30	0.21
-do- Accum	437.00	464.90	+ 0.40	0.21
North American	113.60	120.90	+ 0.42	0.22
European Special	129.30	137.60	− 0.40	0.09
European	182.70	194.40	+ 0.80	0.42
-do- Accum	240.90	256.30	+ 1.09	0.42
Global Eqty Inc	123.10	130.70	+ 0.60	1.56
Japan	444.90	473.30	− 1.70	
Japanese Special	249.90	265.90	− 3.60	
Smaller Cos	146.90	156.30†	− 2.80	1.04
UK Equity Growth	51.79	55.10	+ 0.06	1.86
UK Index Inc	329.30	331.00†	+ 1.80	3.38
Birchin Tst	110.90	119.30	+ 1.10	1.84
-do- Accum	111.50	119.90	+ 1.10	1.84
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	296.44	315.36†	+ 1.27	4.81
Inc & Growth Inc	65.84	70.04	+ 0.56	3.90
Smaller Cos	90.60	96.38†	+ 0.23	1.11
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	291.10	309.60	+ 1.00	1.73
High Income	114.90	122.20	+ 1.20	4.25
International	124.80	132.70	+ 0.40	0.40
European Trust	88.28	93.91	+ 0.61	0.81
Japanese Trust	45.75	48.67	− 0.19	
American Trust	126.40	134.40	+ 0.40	
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 492				
UK Cap	455.30	483.10	+ 2.60	2.31
UK Inc/Gth	468.40	497.00	+ 1.80	3.91
UK Income	330.00	350.10†	+ 0.90	5.19
UK Smr Cos	315.30	337.20	+ 0.80	1.50
Euro Gwth	166.30	176.40	+ 0.80	0.45
N Amer Gwth	128.60	136.50	− 0.07	
Japan Growth	70.84	75.16	− 0.37	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 305				
Equity Dist	569.10	605.40	+ 3.30	2.59
-do- Accum	£11.59	£12.33	+ 7.00	2.59
Equity Income #	106.10	112.90	+ 0.60	4.61
UK Tactical Allocn	64.50	68.50	+ 0.54	4.38
European	146.10	155.40	+ 1.00	1.02
Far Eastern	250.10	266.10	− 0.40	..
Fixed Interest	53.30	56.69		7.02
Gilt	88.48	93.83†	+ 0.19	6.50
Global Growth	88.33	93.97†	− 0.03	0.38
Intl Bond	55.35	58.70	+ 0.05	4.99
Japanese	78.61	83.63	− 0.35	...
North American	223.40	237.70	+ 1.20	0.58
Pacific Growth	129.70	138.00		0.01
UK Index	75.84	78.79†	+ 0.46	3.03
UK Recovery	115.30	122.70†	+ 0.40	1.96
UK Smaller Cos	166.90	177.50	+ 0.70	1.01
US Index	86.29	91.07	+ 0.47	1.27
European Index	92.60	97.73	+ 0.61	1.62
Japan Index	43.91	46.34	− 0.28	
Worldwide	100.60	107.00†	+ 0.20	1.31
LINCOLN FUND MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	54.33	58.10†	+ 0.33	2.17
Income	63.85	68.28	+ 0.37	2.95
Far East	61.38	65.62†	+ 0.14	.
North American	144.40	154.00†	+ 0.30	.
Global	119.80	128.10	− 0.10	0.17
European	99.08	105.70	+ 0.50	0.61
Japan	113.90	121.80	− 0.50	.
Intl Currency Bd	61.53	65.32†	+ 0.12	4.29
SE Asia	120.10	128.40†	+ 0.60	
UK Cap Growth	101.50	108.50†	+ 0.50	1.62
Recovery Trust	91.97	98.13†	+ 0.74	1.15
Managed	79.77	84.86	+ 0.15	0.58
Cash	50.65	50.65	+ 0.02	4.59
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	394.00	419.20†	+ 7.30	2.24
-do- Accum	931.70	991.20	+ 17.50	2.24
Contl Euro Gth	84.31	88.75	+ 0.51	0.55
-do- Accum	90.73	95.51	+ 0.55	0.55
Extra Inc	278.60	296.40†	+ 4.80	4.20
-do- Accum	762.70	811.40	+ 13.40	4.20
FTSE 100 Inc	117.60	125.10	+ 0.80	2.73
FTSE 100 Acc	119.70	127.40	+ 0.90	2.73
German Gth	135.90	143.10	+ 0.20	.
-do- Accum	142.50	150.00	+ 0.20	
Growth Port	666.30	708.90	− 6.50	
-do- Accum	686.10	729.90	− 6.80	
High Interest Inc	98.16	98.65	− 0.03	7.90
High Interest Acc	98.71	102.30		7.90
HI Reserve Inc #	104.40	111.10†	+ 0.30	6.65
HI Reserve Acc #	111.80	119.00	+ 0.30	6.65
Income	532.50	567.60†	+ 3.60	3.41
-do- Accum	£15.04	£16.00	+ 11.00	3.41
Income Port	547.80	582.80†	− 1.70	4.48
-do- Accum	608.00	646.90	− 1.90	4.48
Japan Growth	116.00	123.50	− 0.50	..

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	116.40	123.90	− 0.50	.
Master Trust	69.44	73.86	+ 0.28	1.21
-do- Accum	78.90	83.94	+ 0.33	1.21
N American Gth	255.00	271.30	+ 0.60	
-do- Accum	284.90	313.60	+ 0.90	
NAm Sm Co Rec	231.10	245.90	− 3.30	
-do- Accum	235.90	251.00	− 3.20	...
Pacific Basin	293.60	312.40	+ 0.40	.
-do- Accum	312.80	332.80	+ 0.50	
Small Cos Rec	524.60	552.30†	+ 1.30	1.44
-do- Accum	719.00	756.90	+ 1.80	1.44
UK Eq Gth	160.70	171.00	− 1.00	2.74
UK Eq Inc	125.70	133.80	+ 1.00	4.15
UK Growth	103.89	110.50	+ 2.90	2.02
-do- Accum	129.00	137.30	+ 2.90	2.02
Worldwide Gth	375.50	399.50	+ 0.80	.
-do- Accum	564.90	590.40	+ 1.20	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	91.83	98.23	+ 0.42	0.30
General	104.52	112.74†	+ 0.49	2.30
Income	71.74	76.97	+ 0.48	5.30
International	78.60	84.33	+ 0.20	0.40
Japan	64.08	68.75	− 0.38	
Tst of Inv Trusts	78.55	84.28†	+ 0.10	1.30
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	548.20	579.20	+ 1.60	0.33
-do- Accum	685.10	723.80	+ 2.00	0.33
Amer Recovery	619.20	654.80†	+ 3.60	0.25
-do- Accum	714.30	755.30†	+ 4.20	0.25
Amer Smllr Cos	184.20	194.80	+ 0.70	..
-do- Accum	188.20	199.00	+ 0.70	.
Australasian	212.30	224.50	+ 1.70	1.95
-do- Accum	264.60	279.80	+ 2.20	1.95
Capital	998.80	1056.00	+ 2.10	2.76
-do- Accum	1176.70	1244.30	+ 2.40	2.76
Charifund	740.50	749.00†	+ 9.50	5.95
-do- Accum	3736.30	3773.70†	+ 48.00	5.95
Commodity	540.10	571.20	+ 1.50	0.26
-do- Accum	796.40	842.30	+ 2.20	0.26
Compound Grth	1093.10	1155.90†	+ 6.50	2.94
-do- Accum	1192.50	1261.00†	+ 7.10	2.94
Corporate Bond	24.78	24.87	+ 0.04	7.80
Dividend	44.40	46.90†	+ 0.10	4.48
-do- Accum	196.40	207.90†	+ 0.60	4.48
Equity Income	355.50	375.90	+ 0.90	4.91
-do- Accum	481.50	509.10	+ 1.30	4.91
Euro & General	654.00	691.50	+ 1.60	0.87
-do- Accum	834.20	882.10	+ 2.00	0.87
Euro Dividend	83.50	88.30	+ 0.50	3.47
-do- Accum	103.80	109.70	+ 0.60	3.47
Extra Yield	457.30	483.60	+ 6.20	4.96
-do- Accum	1506.00	1592.70	+ 20.40	4.96
Far Eastern	403.80	427.00	− 1.50	1.83
-do- Accum	538.70	569.60	− 2.00	1.83
Fund of Inv Tsts	705.10	745.60†	+ 1.50	1.80
-do- Accum	1353.30	1431.10†	+ 3.00	1.80
General	68.50	72.40	+ 0.20	3.72
-do- Accum	199.10	210.50	+ 0.69	3.72
Gilt Income	59.50	59.59†	+ 0.11	7.40
-do- Accum	177.67	177.93†	+ 0.33	7.40
Gold	94.40	99.80	+ 1.40	1.16
-do- Accum	112.10	118.50	+ 1.60	1.16
High Income	32.88	34.70	+ 0.20	4.68
-do- Accum	137.80	145.00	+ 0.70	4.68
Intl Growth	95.80	101.30	+ 0.30	0.90
-do- Accum	168.60	178.30	+ 0.50	0.90
International Inc	112.40	118.80†	+ 0.40	4.42
-do- Accum	176.00	186.10†	+ 0.60	4.42
Japan & Gen	44.80	47.10†	+ 0.10	..
-do- Accum	47.90	50.50†	+ 0.10	
Japan Smlr Cos	159.00	168.10†	− 1.80	
-do- Accum	160.10	169.30†	− 1.80	
Managed Grth	28.20	29.70	+ 0.10	1.65
Managed Income	29.90	31.40†	+ 0.10	4.13
Midland	64.89	68.50†		3.25
-do- Accum	224.70	237.80†		3.25
Pension Ex	1060.30	1086.90†	+ 6.80	4.23
Recovery	50.30	53.20		2.63
-do- Accum	84.60	89.80	+ 0.10	2.63
Second General	77.50	82.00	+ 0.70	3.69
-do- Accum	207.60	219.50	+ 1.80	3.69
Smaller Cos	76.80	81.20	+ 0.10	2.98
-do- Accum	157.30	166.30	+ 0.37	2.98
Treasury	25.09	25.14†	+ 0.02	5.71
Trustee	43.90	46.40†	+ 0.50	4.71
-do- Accum	186.60	197.50†	+ 2.20	4.71
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	101.62	108.10	+ 0.85	1.54
Intl Bond	65.41	68.73†	+ 0.11	5.28
Intl Equity Growth	89.72	95.36†	+ 0.41	0.64
N Amer Growth	141.89	150.73	+ 0.48	0.68
Special Sits Growth	27.06	28.76	+ 0.13	1.80
UK Growth	449.00	477.65†	+ 3.61	2.54
-do- Accum	609.23	648.11	+ 4.89	2.54
MAY JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01920 825887				
Balanced Fd #	1511.60	1534.39†	.	2.90
Income #	1034.20	1049.80	.	4.00
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
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■ BLUES

Keb' Mo' charms on debut as the action-packed London Blues Festival (almost) hits its stride

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JAZZ

A song in every colour

Marian McPartland
Wigmore Hall

AS MARIAN McPARTLAND announced, in her demure, slightly Americanised accent, that her opening number would be *I'm Old-Fashioned*, a guffaw exploded from somewhere at the front of the audience. Having led an expatriate existence for so many years, McPartland may have the manners and bearing of the Englishwoman abroad, yet "old-fashioned" is definitely the last word to describe her musical tastes.

Anyone who places *Turnaround*, a slice of early Ornette Coleman, on the same programme as Duke Ellington's *Isfahan* is clearly not looking for a quiet life. Half a century after she scandalised her impeccably middle-class family by taking up with jazz and the high-spirited cornettist Jimmy McPartland, she is still making records of a remarkable consistency.

The last time I heard her live, two years ago, she chased those two young guns, Christian McBride and Brian Blade, all around the auditorium in an exuberant performance in Harlem. Though her more restrained trio and quartet recital at the Wigmore Hall — the final instalment in the venue's *Jazz Encounters* chamber series — betrayed signs of a slowing of reflexes, her use of colour and contrast remained unimpaired.

All The Things You Are took off on a fugue-like excursion reminiscent of John Lewis, before suddenly dropping in a quotation from *Rockin' in Rhythm*. *Gone with the Wind* was rebuilt around a glimmering, low-register obbligato supplied by John Dankworth's clarinet.

A pity that the other settings were not as varied, many of them lapsing into a mundane pattern of bass and drum solos. Alec Dankworth and Allan Ganley are both admirable players, but even they are capable of only so many variations on that particular theme. McPartland happens to be an unusually resourceful solo improviser, as she demonstrated on her 1991 Maybeck Hall recital. Given the unforgiving acoustics — ideal for chamber music, of course, but not so hospitable to jazz — duets and unaccompanied pieces would have been doubly welcome.

CLIVE DAVIS

FESTIVALS: Venue-hopping in search of the Bank Holiday weekend blues in London; jazz at its most beguiling in Bath

"A bunch of soloists looking for a band": the Fabulous Thunderbirds headlined the London Blues Festival, but they were not the hottest act on show

Looking for Mr 12-bar

The second London Blues Festival started on a high note and ended on a disappointing — if not missed — one. In between times in this all-American line-up, several reputations were confirmed and some were made.

It was bigger and better than last year's event, but work still needs to done on the programming. Splitting it between two centres and subjecting it to some quirky scheduling (why did the first night of the festival at Watermans, Brentford, only start at 10.45pm and feature just two acts?) made a comprehensive overview of the three days of gigs difficult. A trip to see the Fabulous Thunderbirds, the closing act at Blackheath Concert Halls on Sunday, meant missing Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown at Watermans.

The opening high came courtesy of acoustic guitarist Kevin Moore, alias **Keb' Mo'**. His debut album, released last year, revealed him as an outstanding talent, able to reinterpret classics such as Robert Johnson's *Kind Hearted Woman Blues* and *Come On in My Kitchen* in a fresh and appealing way as well as provide original songs which combined superb guitar playing with an almost caressing vocal style.

His live act added another dimension — there is power in his playing too, including a string of stunning guitar licks he told us he had learnt from Eugene Powell, the Mississippi bluesman who first recorded in 1936.

It was unfortunate that such an extrovert performer was followed by such an intense one as **John Hammond**, whose brooding interpretations of Delta classics such as *Drop Down Mama* were fine in their way, but just served to quieten an audience ready to have some fun. That is not to say that Hammond was not good value. There can be few artists who get so involved in their music as he does as, with back arched, eyes closed and veins bulging, he lost himself in each number. The problem was that the effort seemed largely wasted in front of an audience that was merely intent on having a good time.

> ❛ Making his very belated UK debut, James Carr looked nervous – until he sang ❜

The acoustic theme was developed by another young back-to-the-roots musician, **Corey Harris**. A former teacher, and one of the few bluesmen around with a masters degree in anthropology, Harris, mild and affable offstage, proved to be a commanding and aggressive figure on it, slapping his guitar and lapsing, at times, into almost Howlin' Wolf-like growling vocals. On a day when the weather was less than kind, it was nice to hear him sing: "I was standing in Blackheath, my feet got soaking wet/I was waiting for my baby and she ain't come yet."

If Harris had been worth waiting for, then so was **James Carr** — even if the wait had been a little prolonged. It was back in the 1960s that rhythm and blues aficionados would whisper that, although Otis Redding was the most popular soul singer of his era, there was another performer who could give him a run for his money as far as soul ballads were concerned.

That artist was Carr, and there was one song in particular, an aching, poignant number about cheating called *The Dark End of the Street* which was arguably one of the finest moments of that particularly rich and fertile period.

But the fragile state of his health meant that Carr never achieved the success he deserved. He disappeared for long periods, and it is only in recent years that he has been rediscovered and started recording again.

Making his UK debut, he looked nervous and frail — until he began to sing. In a voice strong, rich and powerful he reprised all his early hits and provided a version of *Street* that was one of the festival's high spots.

If Carr had taken us into Southern soul territory, then **Magic Slim and the Teardrops** brought us firmly back into the blues world and its spiritual home, Chicago. Tight wasn't the word for it. Here was a four-piece band that needed only the briefest of guitar licks immediately to impose its authority. Driven by some rock-solid drumming and bass lines, they barely paused between numbers as they gave a superb display of what Chicago blues should be — a dynamism that was controlled and a passion that wasn't.

The Fabulous Thunderbirds then had the opportunity to provide a fitting finale, but failed to do so. Again it was a matter of contrasts. Where Slim was tight and controlled, the Thunderbirds were looser and, it seemed, less focused. There is no denying the skill of virtuoso harmonica player and vocalist Kim Wilson or of guitarist Kid Ramos, but the power and good feelings were frittered away in self-indulgent solos that lasted so long you forgot what the song was. There were some marvellous moments, but you couldn't help get the feeling that here was a bunch of soloists looking for a band.

JOHN CLARKE

Don't mean a thing if it ain't got that twinge

Not many compositions are inspired by lower back pain. But the central movement of **Julian Argüelles's** new suite, premiered by his octet at the Jazz and New Music Weekend in Bath, was dedicated to the two problematic vertebrae that threatened his ability to play.

Up until that point, Argüelles's regular band of guitarist Mike Walker, bassist Steve Watts and drummer Martin France augmented with piano, tenor horn, trombone and saxophones, had taken time to settle, although Django Bates on tenor horn and Portuguese pianist Mario Leghina turned in some cogent solos on the opening *Mole People*.

The line-up led to some unusual voicing, especially with guitarist Walker able to add to the density of the rhythm section or bring plangent solos into the mixture of reeds and brass. On *L4 and L5*, the title referring to the medical source of Argüelles's discomfort, against a background of ecclesiastical harmonies bolstered by Watts's bowed pedal notes, the vastly underrated Ian Dixon played a magnificent bass clarinet solo that elevated the playing of those around him and changed the course of the set. From then on the band oozed confidence and played brilliantly.

His sore back momentarily forgotten, Argüelles added some exquisite flute playing to *The Owl* and *Fife on the Firth of Forth*, and Leghina proved himself one of the most accomplished pianists in a weekend that featured a higher than average concentration of piano soloists. In addition to Britain's **Keith Tippett** and **John Taylor**, the festival presented the German pianist **Joachim Kühn** in his first UK concert for seven years.

His opening piece, a bravura version of Coltrane's *Lonnie's Lament*, lasted for 40 minutes during which, rather than merely trotting through a chord sequence several times, he harnessed a bewildering variety of improvisational techniques into a coherent structure, building a succession of denser and denser textures, culminating in ringing chords sustained through daring use of the pedal.

And in a sequence of original pieces starting with the ballad *Sensitive Detail*, he proved his claim to be one of the most innovative and exciting improvising pianists currently working in Europe.

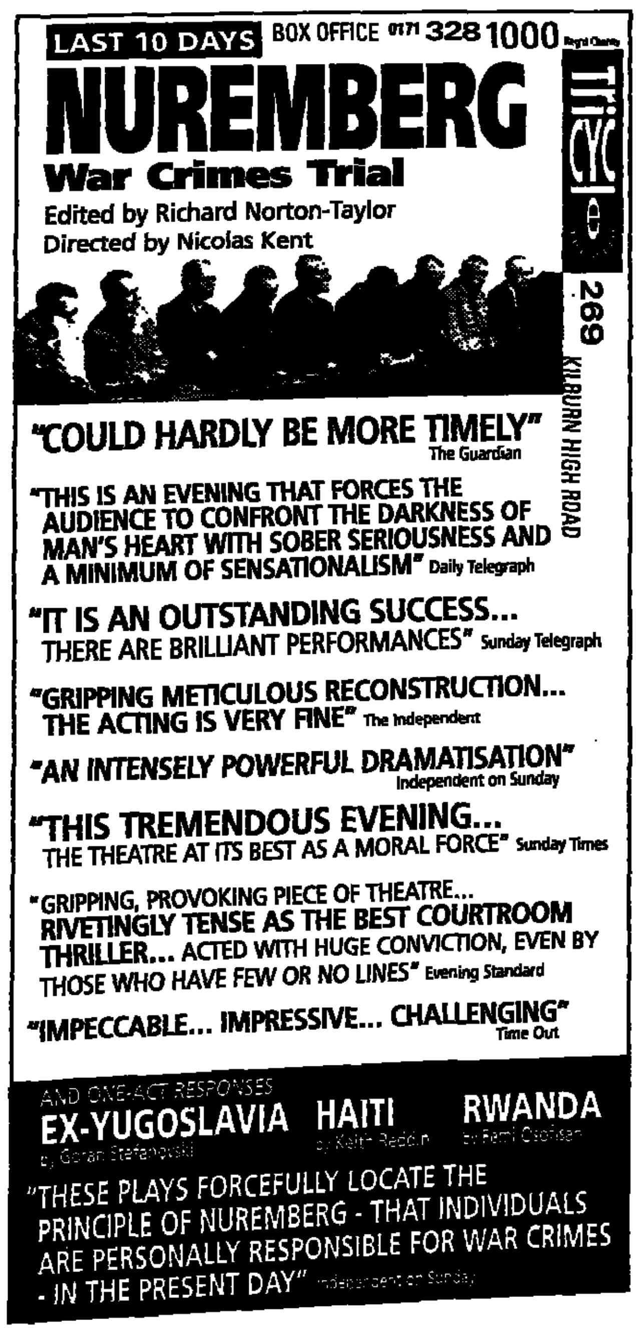
Among the weekend's other pianists, **Julian Joseph** presented a quartet that included veteran saxophonist Peter King. Joseph's own playing was as fluent as ever, but King's bebop-inflected lines suffered from drummer Mark Mondesir's tendency to overpunctuate and the alto solos only flowed when Mondesir and bassist Jeremy Brown played time, especially on the opening *Nefertiti*.

Time signatures were the main variable in a charming set from pianist **Bojan Zulfikarparsik**, whose origins in the former Yugoslavia inspired pieces built around Bosnian and Macedonian folk tunes of varying metre. Bojan's technique has a classical simplicity, and even in unusual metres his compositions are clear and approachable. He included some straightforward jazz pieces such as *The Zebra*, but the multicultural theme was strong in his world music tribute to Don Cherry.

Folk instruments abounded in the set played with the grim determination of the serious avant-garde by **Système Friche**. A promising start from turntable-operated Aeolian chimes and an alp horn failed to follow through, and at one point I spotted the hurdy-gurdy player going through the grimaces of a great soloist but forgetting to wind the handle of his instrument to produce a sound.

Much more enjoyable large-band chaos came from **Django Bates** and the 18-piece Delightful Precipice in a lively set. "File under contemporary classical" it says on Bates's latest CD, *Here is the News*, but Delightful Precipice played out-and-out jazz featuring saxophonists Iain Ballamy and Julian Segal, the latter deputising for Argüelles who finally succumbed to his nagging vertebrae.

ALYN SHIPTON



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Never mind the Pistols ...

POP

Ash
Forum, NW5

"NO UNDER 18s Admitted" it said on the tickets. In which case, support group Bis should not have been allowed in for a start. The young Scottish trio's blend of shouty pop and beatbox punk had a certain frothy appeal, but their few minutes of fame will seem like a very distant memory by the time they reach their twenties.

Not so Ash, who are also still in their teens but seem a more durable proposition altogether. The Irish trio's debut album, *1977*, has just topped the British chart and they are very much the new band of the moment. But while their peers in the Britpop movement continue to be mesmerised by the sounds and styles of the 1960s, Ash's music is rooted firmly in the cut and thrust of 1970s punk.

That is not to say that they ape the classic punk mannerisms on stage — far from it. They certainly played both fast and loud when the moment demanded it, and almost lifted the roof off the Forum with their parting shot of *Jack Names the Planets*, followed by a confetti-strewn encore of *Kung Fu*.

But they also tackled many mid-paced and slow-paced songs, including *Oh Yeah* and *Lost in You* (the latter sounding disconcertingly like *Strangers In The Night*) with just as much conviction, and chucked in a competent cover of the old Temptations hit, *Get Ready*, for good measure. The ringing, melodic detail of their singles *Girl From Mars* and *Goldfinger* — both played early on in the set — remained in the mind long after their show had finished.

Drummer Rick McMurray (stiff-backed, total lack of swing) and bassist Mark Hamilton (barefoot, instrument round his ankles) both looked and sounded perpetually busy. But singer, guitarist and chief songwriter Tim Wheeler evinced a peculiarly languid stage persona, never appearing unduly hurried or indeed much bothered as glitter balls and brilliant lights sparkled and juddered all around and scenes of mayhem unfolded in the crowd before him.

If the sound was a little rough on the ear, and Wheeler's vocals rather subject to drift, these were minor flaws that went with the territory and did nothing to diminish the palpable sense of occasion.

In this improbably rich season of pop discoveries, yet another major talent has come of age.

DAVID SINCLAIR

If her friends can see her now

CABARET

Bonnie Langford
Green Room

BONNIE who? Not that ghastly, ringleted child who found fame on *Opportunity Knocks*, played Violet Elizabeth Bott in *Just William* and then disappeared into the world of the musical stage? Yes and no. By the time the new-look Langford launches into *I Am Changing*, 75 minutes into her show, there are few in the packed audience who do not think the song's message superfluous.

Tiny, she makes the most of her well-proportioned figure in a tight, long, black dress, slit to the thigh, with a sparkling bolero jacket. She is strikingly attractive: a mature woman aware of her assets. The voice, particularly in the lower register, is warm and rich, astonishingly powerful for her physical size.

At the Café Royal, she fronts a five-piece, with Ian Hughes, arranger and musical director, on piano. Nick Moss, fluent on saxophones, clarinet and flute, impresses mightily. Rufus Philpott (bass), Joe O'Connor (keyboards) and Matthew Senior (drums) complete an enviably well-integrated band, with whom she is on musically equal terms.

Only a tendency to rush her links, with a hint of "gosh-darn, isn't-showbiz-fun", recalls Langford's early, precocious years. Much more to the point is the assured, even raunchy manner of her handling of material ranging from *Some Cats Know* to *He Plays Piano in the Dark*.

There are show tunes, but cannily chosen: apart from a nicely judged *Somewhere That's Green*, from *The Little Shop of Horrors*, the best are a group from *Gypsy* — *Some People* and *Together Wherever We Go* — and a superb routine tying together *Hey Big Spender*, *There's Gotta Be Something Better Than This*, *If They Could See Me Now*, *Somebody Loves Me* and *Rhythm of Life*. Casting agents seeing her tackle these would be sorting out the contracts next morning.

Although complaining of a dry throat, she turns in a virtuosic *I'm Tone Deaf*, a comic show-stopper which, with an athletic performance of Tom Lehrer's *Masochism Tango*, underlines a sense of humour which extends to self-parody. Neil Sedaka's *On the Other Side of Me* has particular resonance, while confident versions of *Take Me To The River*, *Nowhere To Run* and (amazingly) James Brown's *I Got You* suggest tastes tougher than you thought. An altogether surprising and exhilarating evening.

TONY PATRICK

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■ CHOICE 1

Steven Berkoff brings his fierce *Coriolanus* to London

VENUE: Now in preview at the Mermaid Theatre

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Song and dance, Thirties-style: Kim Criswell leads *Dames at Sea*

VENUE: This week at the Ambassadors Theatre

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■ CHOICE 3

Greenwich hears John Tavener's new composition, *Let's Begin Again*

VENUE: *Tonight at the* Royal Naval College

■ VISUAL ART

In front of the children: Kate Greenaway's book illustrations are shown alongside her successors'

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

CORIOLANUS: Steven Berkoff's much-travelled production arrives in London with himself as a snarling, ear-breaking fascist.
Mermaid, Puddle Dock, EC4 (0171-236 2211). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens June 12, 7pm. ♿

DAMES AT SEA: Kim Criswell, Sara Crowe, Peter Duncan in the first of two musicals in the BOC Covent Garden Festival, a comedy musical in the style of the 1930s, music by Jim Wise. John *Gardyne directs*
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (0171-312 1996). Preview tonight, 6pm. Opens tomorrow, 8pm.

FRENCH PREMIERE: The conductor Christophe Rousset makes his debut with the Orchestra of the Age of *Enlightenment. Sandwiched between* works by Campra and Rameau is Handel's motet, *Silete venti*, sung by the French soprano Véronique Gens.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 *(0171-*960 4242). Tonight, 7.45pm. ♿

LET'S BEGIN AGAIN: The highlight of *this first classical concert of the* Greenwich and Docklands International Festival is the London premiere of John Tavener's new work, *Let's Begin Again, with Lionel Friend conducting the* Thomas Tallis Chamber Choir, Britten Sinfonia and the soprano Patricia Rozario. The evening begins with Philip *Simms conducting a programme of* 20th-century a capella works, by *Copland, Barber and Tippett.*
Royal Naval College Chapel, Greenwich (festival box office 0181-317 8687). Tonight, 7.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

BATH: The dynamic young American *soprano* ***Tiffany Jackson*** *gives a recital* in the Assembly Rooms. The Jewish-inspired repertoire includes Prokofiev's *Overture on Jewish Themes*, Milhaud's *Poèmes Juifs, Suite for viola and piano* by Bloch, *Mélodies Hébraiques* by Ravel and Brahms's Piano Quintet in F minor. She is accompanied by the *pianists Roger Vignoles and Barry* Douglas, with Dmitry Sitkovetsky, violin, and Philip Dukes, viola.
Festival box office (01225 463362). Tonight, 7.30pm.

CHICHESTER: A rare opportunity to see Peter Ustinov playing someone *other than Ustinov. In this case* Ludwig van, brought back to life in his play **Beethoven's Tenth**. Liz Robertson and John Neville are also in the *company, directed by Joe Harmston.*
***Festival Theatre**, Oaklands Park* (01243 781312). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens June 6, 7.30pm. Then in rep with *Mansfield Park*.

LEEDS: Opening night for Molière's **The Hypochondriac**, *subtitled Sick in the Head* in Edward Kemp's *new* version, directed by Toby Jones. With Paul Shelley in the title role.
Courtyard, West Yorkshire Playhouse, Quarry Hill (0113 244 2111). Tonight, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.45pm; mats Wed (June 5, 12) 2pm, Sat (June 8) 3pm. Until June 22.

MOLD: Method and Madness presents **Jude the Obscure**, Thomas Hardy's controversial story of four people trying *to reconcile love, sex and marriage.* Adapted and directed by Mike Alfreds.
Theatr Clwyd (01352 755114). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat 3pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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☐ ***BEAST ON THE MOON:*** Richard Kalinoski's award-winning play about two survivors of the 1915 Armenian massacres settled in Milwaukee. *Directed by Irena Brook.*
BAC, 176 Lavender Hill, Battersea, SW11 (0171-223 2223). Tue-Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm. Until June 2

☐ **CHAPTER TWO:** Tom Conti and Sharon Gless play unattached New Yorkers whirling towards each other in Neil Simon's comedy. *Not his best.*
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). *Mon-Fri*, 8pm; Sat, 8.15pm; mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5pm.

☐ **COMEDY OF ERRORS:** The New Shakespeare Company's season opens with Claire Lyth's production of the Bard's double-twin mix-up. With Debra Beaumont and Paula Wilcox.
Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431). Eves, 8pm; mats Wed *(from June 5)* 2.30pm, also later in the season on Thurs and Sat, 2.20pm.

◩ **THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE** ***(ABRIDGED)****: The RSC's (Reduced* Shakespeare Company) popular, potty rough-handling of the Bard.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (0171-*369 1737). Wed-Sat, 8pm; Mats Thurs,* 3pm, *Sat*, 5pm and Sun, 4pm. ♿

■ **THE DEVIL IS AN ASS:** Ben Jonson's adventures of a junior devil in a sleazy London he soon finds to be far worse than Hell. An energetic but hollow production.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm; mat Thurs, 2pm. In rep ♿

☐ **ELVIS:** Spirited revival of the 20-year-old tribute show. P.J. Proby plays the Vegas Elvis and Tim Whitnall plays the Pelvis in his prime. Positively no emphasis on the late-night gorging on peanut butter and jello torpedoes.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street W1 (0171-839 5972). Mon-Thurs 8pm; Fri and Sat, 5.30 and 8.30pm.

◩ **A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC:** Elegant production by Sean Mathias of *Sondheim's Swedish charmer. With* Judi Dench, Patricia Hodge, Siân Phillips and Lambert Wilson among the stars shining in the night.
***National (Olivier)**, South Bank, SE1* (0171-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm; mat 2pm. In rep ♿

☐ **RESURRECTION:** Paines Plough's production of *Maureen Laurence's* disappointing play about Dr Johnson and his black servant, *Francis Barber.*
***Bush**, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12* (0181-743 3388). Mon-Sat 8pm.

■ **SOME SUNNY DAY:** Martin Sherman's *stimulating new play, set in* Cairo in 1942 where the Brits are reduced to stiff-lipped panic and wife-murder. Splendid cast.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Until June 1. ♿

☐ **SYLVIA:** Strange, romantic comedy by A.R. Gurney, with Robin Ellis as a Wall Street trader, Maria Aitken as his wife and Zoë Wanamaker, as the stray dog (Sylvia) he finds in Central Park.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Fri 8pm; mat Thurs 3pm, Sat 5pm and 8.15pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (0171-369 1733) . . . ☐ **Communicating Doors:** *Savoy (0171-836 8888)* . . . ◩ **Fame: The Musical:** Cambridge (0171-494 5083) . . . ☐ **Funny Money:** Playhouse (0171-839 4401) . . . ◩ **Grease:** *Dominion (0171-416 6060)* . . . ☐ **Mack and Mabel:** Piccadilly (0171-369 1734) . . . ◩ **Miss Saigon:** Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . . . ☐ **The Mousetrap:** *St Martin's (0171-836 1443)* . . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **ANGUS** (12): Fat kid fights off his bullies. Tame teen movie that means well. With Charlie Talbert and Kathy *Bates. Director, Patrick Read Johnson*
Plaza (0800-888 997)

UNE FEMME FRANCAISE (18): High-class tosh, *with Emmanuelle Béart and* Daniel Auteuil treading 30 years of French history. Director, Régis Wargnier.
Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720)

◆ **MUPPET TREASURE ISLAND** (U): Kermit and Miss Piggy invade Stevenson's classic. Jolly addition to *the Muppet movie saga, with Tim Curry.* Director, Brian Henson.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) ***Trocadero*** ♿ *(0171-434 0031)* **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) ***UCI Whiteleys*** (0171-792 3332) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **PRIMAL FEAR** (18): Cocky defence attorney Richard Gere gets sucked into a devious murder case. Superficial thriller, directed by Gregory Hoblit.
Empire (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker *Street*** *(0171-935 9772)* **Fulham Road** ♿ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ♿ (0171-727 6705) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** *(01426 914098)* ***UCI*** **Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332)

SECRETS & LIES (15): Mike Leigh's Cannes triumph, an uneven but absorbing tale about family life, its pains, bonds, and skeletons. With Brenda Blethyn and Timothy Spall
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BLUE IN THE FACE (15): Stories and *jokes about Brooklyn life. Indulgent* companion piece to *Smoke*, with Harvey Keitel. Director, Wayne Wang
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Plaza** ♿ *(0171-437 1234)* **Renoir** *(0171-837* 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

◆ **DEAD MAN WALKING** (15): Oscar winner Susan Sarandon visits Sean Penn on Death Row. Powerful, carefully balanced drama about capital *punishment. Director, Tim Robbins.*
MGM Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Warner** ♿ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **KIDS** (18): Unedifying portrait of kids running wild in Manhattan. A first feature by still-photographer Larry Clark; the cast is non-professional.
***Clapham Picture House** (0171-498* 3323) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen on the Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **MONEY TRAIN** (18): Nasty antics in New York's subway system, with Wesley Snipes and Woody Harrelson.
MGM Trocadero ♿ *(0171-434 0031)* **Odeon Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

***ROUGH MAGIC** (12): Magician's* assistant Bridget Fonda finds true magic in Mexico. Engaging oddity from director Clare Peploe.
***Odeon Haymarket** (01426-915 353)*

◆ **SMOKE** (15): Criss-crossing lives in Brooklyn. Agreeable, talky piece, with *Harvey Keitel and William Hurt.*
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-836 6279) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

◆ **THINGS TO DO IN DENVER WHEN YOU'RE DEAD** (18): Hip and humane crime drama from new director Gary Fleder. With Andy Garcia.
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◆ **WHITE SQUALL** (12): Jeff Bridges's school ship battles the elements. Waterlogged drama with a splendid storm. Director, Ridley Scott.
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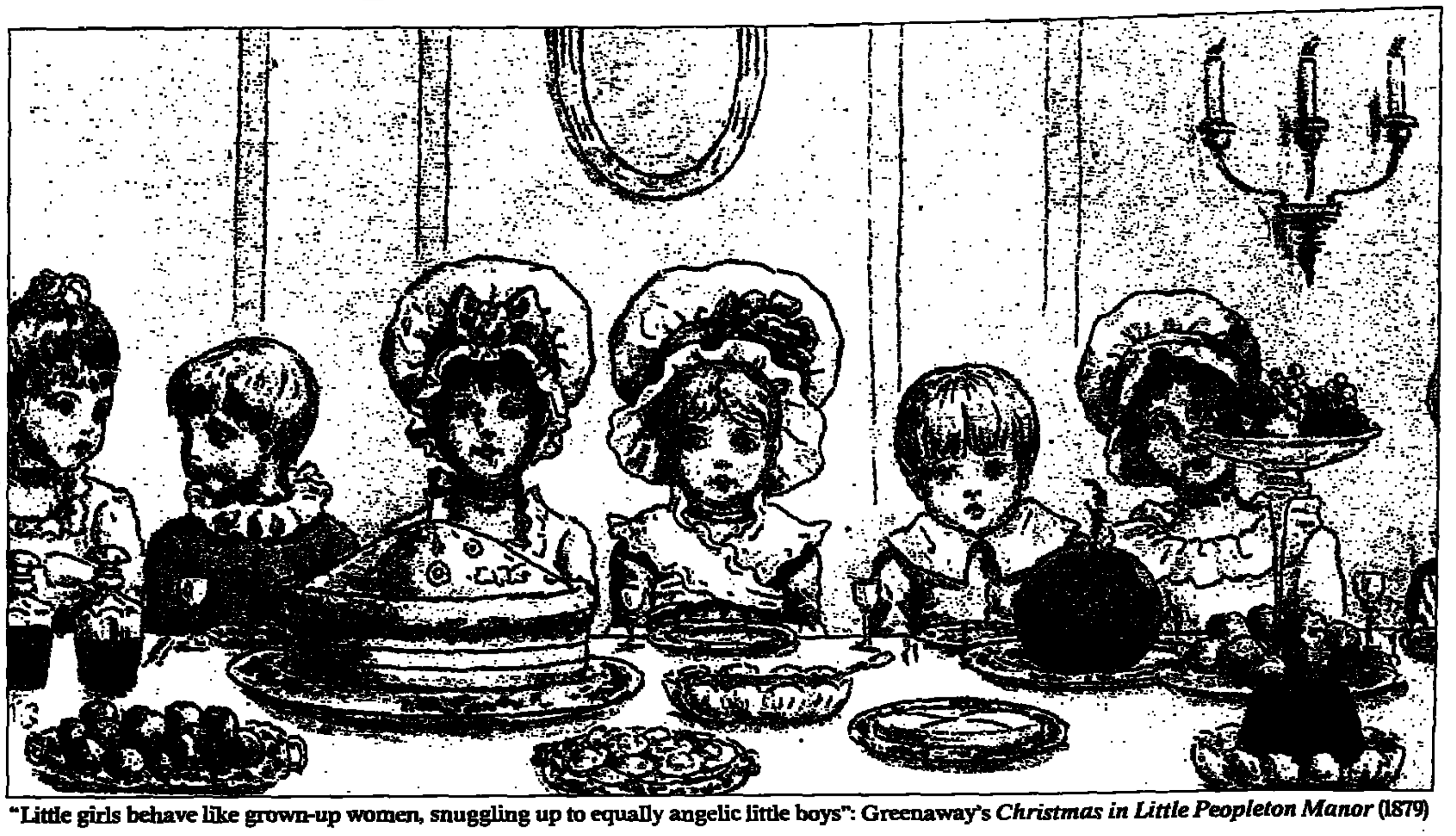


"Little girls behave like grown-up women, snuggling up to equally angelic little boys": Greenaway's *Christmas in Little Peopleton Manor* (1879)

Nicolette Jones on an anniversary show of the work of Kate Greenaway, and the children's book illustrators who followed her

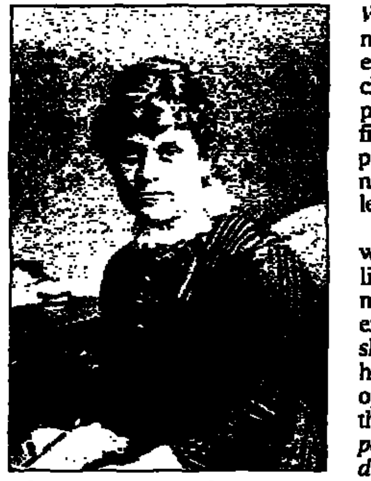
Kate Greenaway has been a bestseller for more than a century. *Under the Window*, a volume of her illustrated verses published in 1879, sold 100,000 copies in her lifetime (she died in 1901). The 150 books she partly or entirely illustrated, her calendars and her greeting cards inspired fashions, imitators and 100 years of merchandise.

The little girls' costume of mob cap and empire line dress that she partly invented and partly borrowed from her own childhood — although it was old-fashioned even then — prompted a range at Liberty's at the turn of the century. The boy Kaiser Wilhelm wore a ruff and breeches as her pictures had dictated. Today most people can not only bring to mind a Greenaway maid, but also cannot entirely shake off her idealised image of childhood in their response to modern children.

Now, 150 years after her birth, an exhibition at Birmingham Central Library called *The Greenaway Legacy* is celebrating her work. Alongside it stands the work of past winners of, and currently shortlisted contenders for, the children's book illustration prize that now bears her name. This juxtaposition of talents is an invitation to consider both her influence and the way attitudes to children have changed since Greenaway's beribboned cuties first danced among the daisies.

Today, although their charm still finds an enthusiastic audience, there is something a bit disturbing about Greenaway's illustrations. Her rose-bud-lipped, snub-nosed little girls dress and behave like grown-up women, demure little Shirley Temples sipping tea, fanning themselves and snuggling up, with lowered eyelashes, to equally angelic little boys.

Although there has been a great tradition of what Nicholas Tucker, children's literature lecturer at Sussex University, calls "genteel paedophilia", through Lewis Carroll, Mabel Lucie Atwell and on into the Coppertone ads of more recent years, Greenaway's appeal has certainly had as much to do with her depiction of a passive and innocent femininity as her portrayal of real children. Much (perhaps too much, according to Tucker) has been made of the way this underpinned her friendship with the critic John Ruskin, who corresponded with Greenaway for years and took a paternal interest in her work and a slightly dubious interest in the little girls she drew.



Kate Greenaway, the woman who dressed a generation

The daughter of a north London engraver, Greenaway significantly spent the early part of her childhood with relatives in the Nottinghamshire countryside, and ever afterwards looked back on the rural with nostalgia. This influenced her drawings, and chimed happily with a contemporary romanticisation of the countryside that washed over England with the spread of the Industrial Revolution. The majority of urban dwellers in her time were only first or second generation townsfolk. The country represented the good old days.

Furthermore, Greenaway worked in the aftermath of the Education Act that made schooling compulsory for all children, including girls, and caught the mood of the time with its new demand for good quality children's literature. *Under the Window* was priced much higher than earlier children's chapbooks, and the publisher was at first ridiculed for producing it. Its phenomenal success silenced his critics.

There are those who have identified limitations to Greenaway's talent. "Several of the figures she drew appear to have two right feet," opines her entry in the *Oxford Companion to Children's Literature*. Nevertheless, Ruskin, although he tended to treat her as a pupil in need of instruction, admired her skill enough to embarrass contemporaries in an 1883 lecture with an enthusiasm considered excessive. And her popularity surpassed and outlasted that of her two arguably more technically accomplished rivals — Randolph Caldecott and Walter Crane, who lacked something of her joie de vivre.

The five previous Greenaway Medal winners now exhibited in Birmingham beside Greenaway are Edward Ardizzone, Raymond Briggs, Helen Oxenbury, Michael Foreman and Janet Ahlberg. With them too are pictures from the five books on the shortlist for this year's medal, chosen as always by librarians around the country. They are Christina Balit's terrifying *Blodin the Beast*, Patrick Benson's atmospheric and lyrical *The Little Boat*, Quentin Blake's wordless narrative *Clown*, Ken Brown's hymn to the countryside *Tattybogle*, Mick Inkpen's tender tale of an old toy, *Nothing*, P.J. Lynch's elegiac *The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey* and Colin McNaughton's zany space monster collection, *Here Come the Aliens!* Visitors to the exhibition are invited to vote for their favourite, but the real winner will be announced on July 17.

The shortlist could hardly be more diverse, and images of actual children on it are surprisingly few. But Blake has a scatty-looking girl whose unkempt vivacity Greenaway's heroines would not have dared to display. Meanwhile, Benson and Lynch's lit-from-within, thoughtful little boys suggest that some smattering of idealisation has never quite gone out of fashion. Nor, from this evidence, have nostaliga and nature (Brown's superbly evoked countryside is an exemplar).

The one thing the illustrations in this exhibition — by Greenaway, the newcomers and those in between — all have in common, from maidens to Martians, is remarkable draughtsmanship. The good news is that, now, as in Greenaway's lifetime, quality still sells.

● The Greenaway Legacy *is at Birmingham Central Library (0121-235 2175) until August 10*

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Jazz-tinged elegy for a lost brother

Jazz fans will know the names: John Scofield, who played guitar for Miles Davis; and Peter Erskine, who played drums for the jazz-rock band Weather Report. The biggest jazz fan in British contemporary classical music is the 35-year-old composer Mark-Anthony Turnage. His new work, *Blood on the Floor* — commissioned by the Frankfurt-based Ensemble Modern — was written with these American players, particularly Scofield, in mind.

Last weekend in Frankfurt, Turnage was in heaven. Scofield and Erskine had arrived at the *Fabrik* — or "factory" — where the Ensemble Modern has its offices. Four days of rehearsal lay ahead. Erskine has been one of the most sought-after drummers for two decades. He joined Weather Report in 1978, at the height of the group's fame. Scofield had cut his teeth as guitarist with Charlie Mingus and Billy Cobham before joining Miles Davis in 1982. He has made many solo recordings since.

Turnage is a fan of both. "Two years ago," he says on the second day of rehearsals, "I didn't have a clue about how to get in touch with people like Scofield and Erskine. The jazz and classical worlds are so divided. Never in my dreams would I have thought that I'd be sitting in that rehearsal room with Scofield and Erskine."

The fact that the Ensemble Modern is behind the new piece helps. Recently this multinational, leaderless group, who make their decisions collectively, performed Frank Zappa's *The Yellow Shark* in London. Since coming together in 1980 they have worked with various celebrated jazz musicians, including Ornette Coleman. Turnage's relationship with the Ensemble began in 1988. It performed the world premiere of his opera *Greek* in Munich. Turnage's next piece, *Kai*, was a tribute to Kai Scheffler, a cellist and one of the Ensemble's founder members who died of Aids shortly after the Munich *Greek*.

Blood on the Floor was initially inspired by Francis Bacon's painting showing a splash of blood on a wooden floor. (Bacon was central to Turnage's famous *Three Screaming Popes*, commissioned by Simon Rattle and the CBSO in 1990.) The piece that is now the overture to the new nine-movement work was premiered by the Ensemble in late 1994. Little did they or Turnage know, once composition was under way, what deeper and darker impetus the full piece would ride on a few months later.

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In March 1995, Turnage's younger brother Andrew was found dead from a drug overdose. For the previous six months he had cut himself off from his family, including Mark-Anthony. They had always been close. Turnage knew nothing about the drug addiction.

"Andrew was warm-hearted," Turnage recalls, "and an amazingly naive guy, in the positive sense. He never used to do anything in excess. But because he was very trusting, he got in with some people he was very impressed with. He got into crack, and died of a lethal dose of heroin and cocaine."

Blood on the Floor has turned into a tribute to Turnage's brother. Its theme is urban alienation, but it is also full of boldly textured lyricism and — naturally — plenty of jazz.

On the first day of rehearsals, John Scofield had played a guitar solo in a section entitled *Elegy for Andy*. "Andrew really liked Miles Davis," says Turnage. "When John played that bit, it got to me. I cried. I thought, 'God, if only he could know that a piece is being played in memory of him'."

Turnage's own passion for jazz appeared relatively late. His parents, both amateur musicians, brought him up on a diet of the classics. Under Oliver Knussen at the Royal College of Music's junior department, Turnage came to his studies well-armed with Boulez and Stockhausen. However, at the Royal College's senior department, he grew disillusioned with the European avant-garde.

"From 1978 I was obsessed with jazz. I suddenly found out that these world-class figures — Thelonious Monk, John Coltrane, Miles Davis — excluded from music history, were doing things in the 1950s that were more interesting than Boulez's *Pli selon pli*."

In all his work from *Screaming Popes* on, Turnage has borrowed brilliantly from jazz's improvisatory rhythms and textures. He has done so without any of the preciousness of more high-minded composers, and a marked lack of the anoraky expertise of the conventional jazz freak.

This appealing unpretentiousness was wonderfully on show in Frankfurt. During a rehearsal break, Erskine and Scofield jammed together for ten minutes, a superb little duet of just electric guitar and drums. The Ensemble's players were transfixed. Standing closest of all to the two Americans was Turnage, smiling broadly.

"I'm a bit of a fan of people," he said later. "In a sense, I'm really just a teenybopper."

● Blood on the Floor *will be played at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (0171-960 4242) tomorrow* and *Friday at 8pm*

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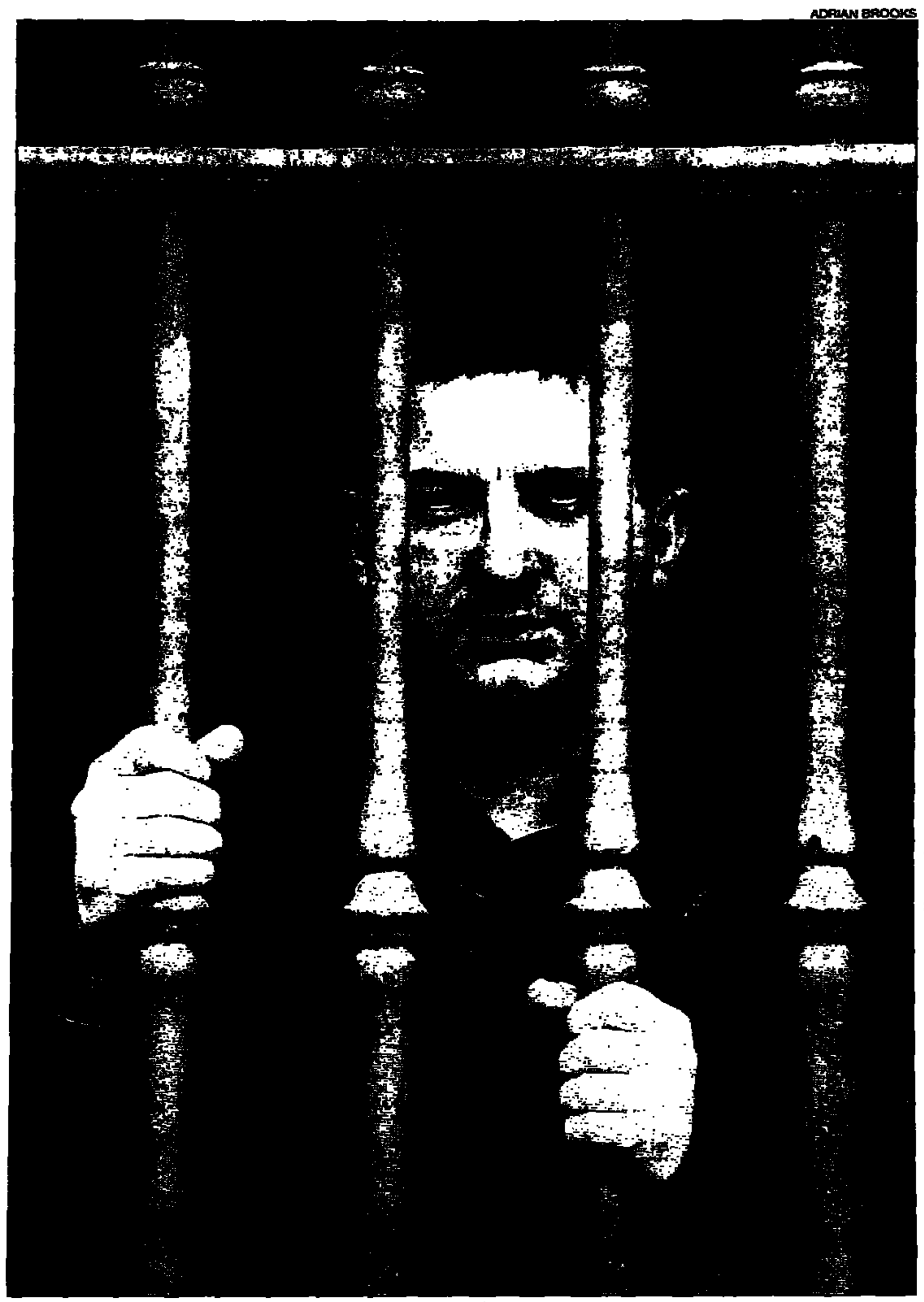

"The jazz and classical worlds are so divided," says Mark-Anthony Turnage. He was brought up in the classical idiom, but his new work *Blood on the Floor* was written with top jazz musicians in mind

DANCE

Packing a punch

THE Turning World festival is an annual celebration of contemporary dance from abroad. This year's edition includes the latest from Berlin's Sasha Waltz, Prague's Lenka Flory, Montpelier's Mathilde Monnier, Valencia's Vicente Saez. But the festival opened with a look back, at the first work created by the Belgian choreographer Wim Vandekeybus.

What the Body Does Not Remember, made in 1987, belongs to that brand of dance-theatre that was so popular in the Eighties: all power, punch and peril. Objects are thrown — most frightening are what appear to be concrete bricks — and dancers are subjected to intense physical pressures. The audience is left reeling. There is a repetition and perseverance to the choreography that suggests an epic struggle (albeit not without its humour) to overcome the obstacles of a frenetic world. The work's emotional heart is revealed in scenes, some harrowing, others heart-breakingly futile, that could be realisations of a group therapy session on anger and frustration.

Wim Vandekeybus
The Place Theatre

Dancers, from Vandekeybus's Ultima Vez company, sling the concrete slabs at each other like deranged stone masons having a collective nervous breakdown, while others use them to build precarious bridges. The dancers endure body-pounding duets that are charged with sexual aggression and male-female antagonism. Even the aural background (music by Thierry De Mey and Peter Vermeersch) is brutal.

Although Vandekeybus uses parallel images of manipulation at the beginning and end, *What the Body Does Not Remember* is not set within a cohesive structure. Instead the effect is like that of a carousel: it doesn't matter where you get on, the ride is always the same.

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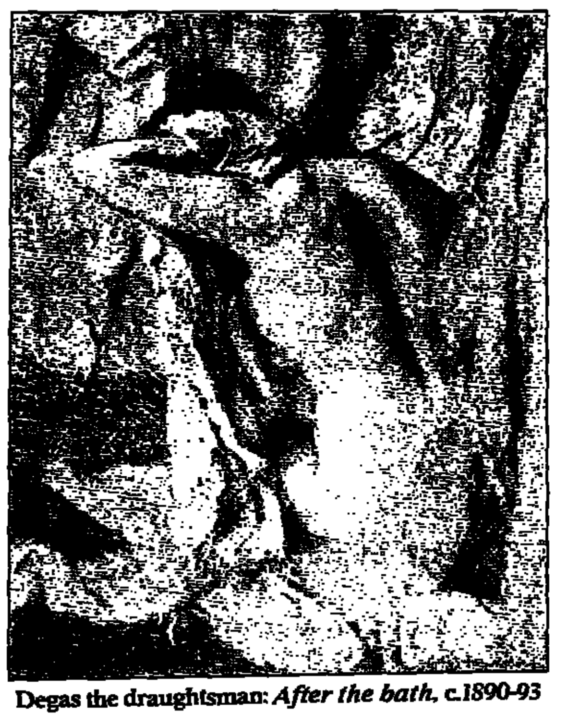
DEGAS: BEYOND IMPRESSIONISM — DAY FIVE



Degas the draughtsman: *After the bath*, c.1890-93

Richard Cork selects highlights from the National Gallery's current exhibition of later works by the master

A host of pictures testify to Degas' obsession with this pose. Like so many of his bathing figures, the woman's face is turned away from us, so nothing distracts us from the vigorous movement of her body. Flushed with warmth from the hot water, she rubs the nape of her neck with a towel wrapped firmly around her hand. Degas' virtuoso command of the pastel medium allows him to convey the towel's fluffiness.

But he is just as persuasive in his treatment of her glowing flesh. This deserves to be ranked among the most sensuous of all Degas' nudes. It is a delectable image, and far more celebratory than later, more disturbing pictures in the same series. Degas rejoices in the rumpled movement of the dangling towel, and reinforces its dynamism in the curtains' even greater turbulence. Cascading down from the top of the picture, and invading her body on the right, they set the whole composition into billowing motion.

Degas' use of pastel becomes very excitable above her shoulder, where he peppers the image with stabs of whiteness. But the focus ultimately rests on the woman's body, modelled with subtlety and vigour by the most searching, resourceful draughtsman of his era.

● Degas: Beyond Impressionism *is at the National Gallery until Aug 26 (tickets from First Call, 0171-420 0000)*

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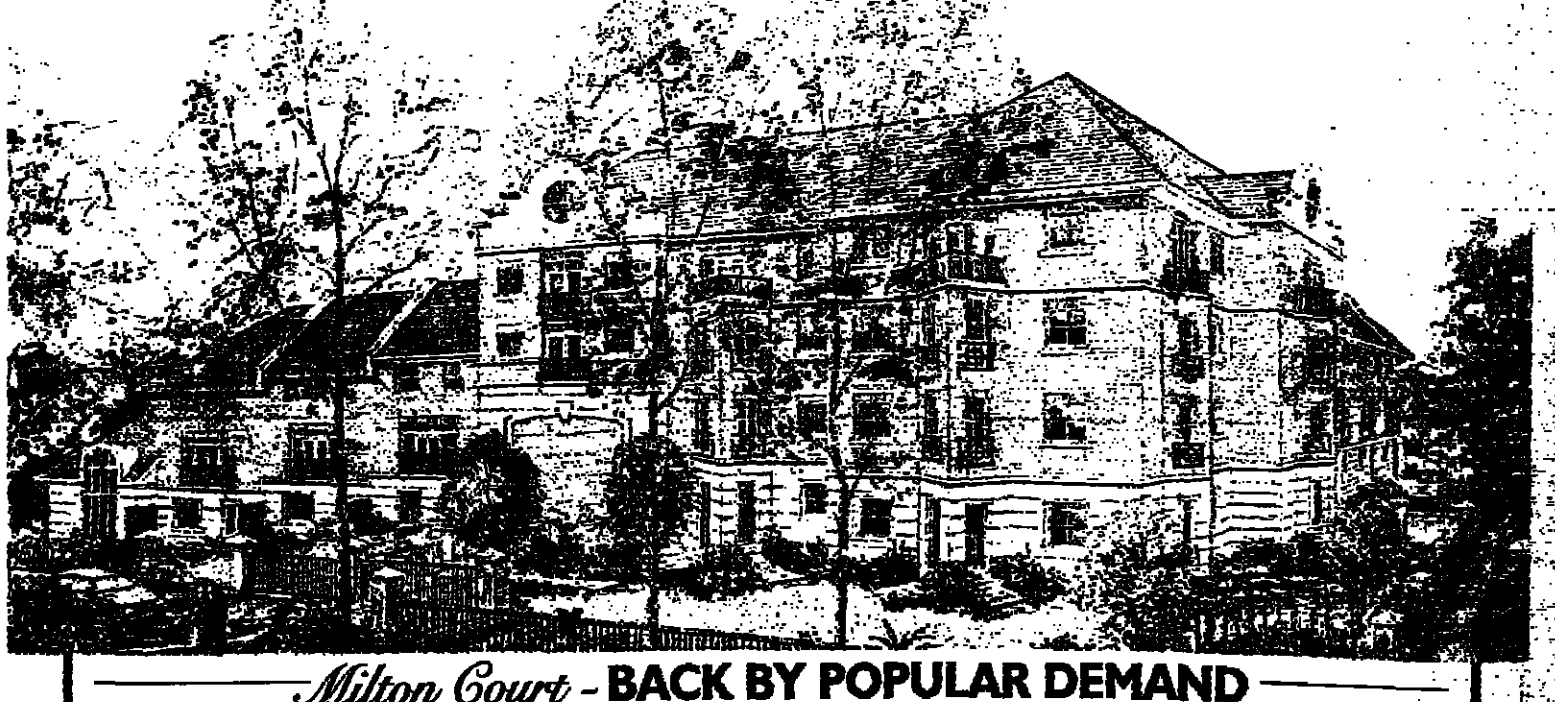

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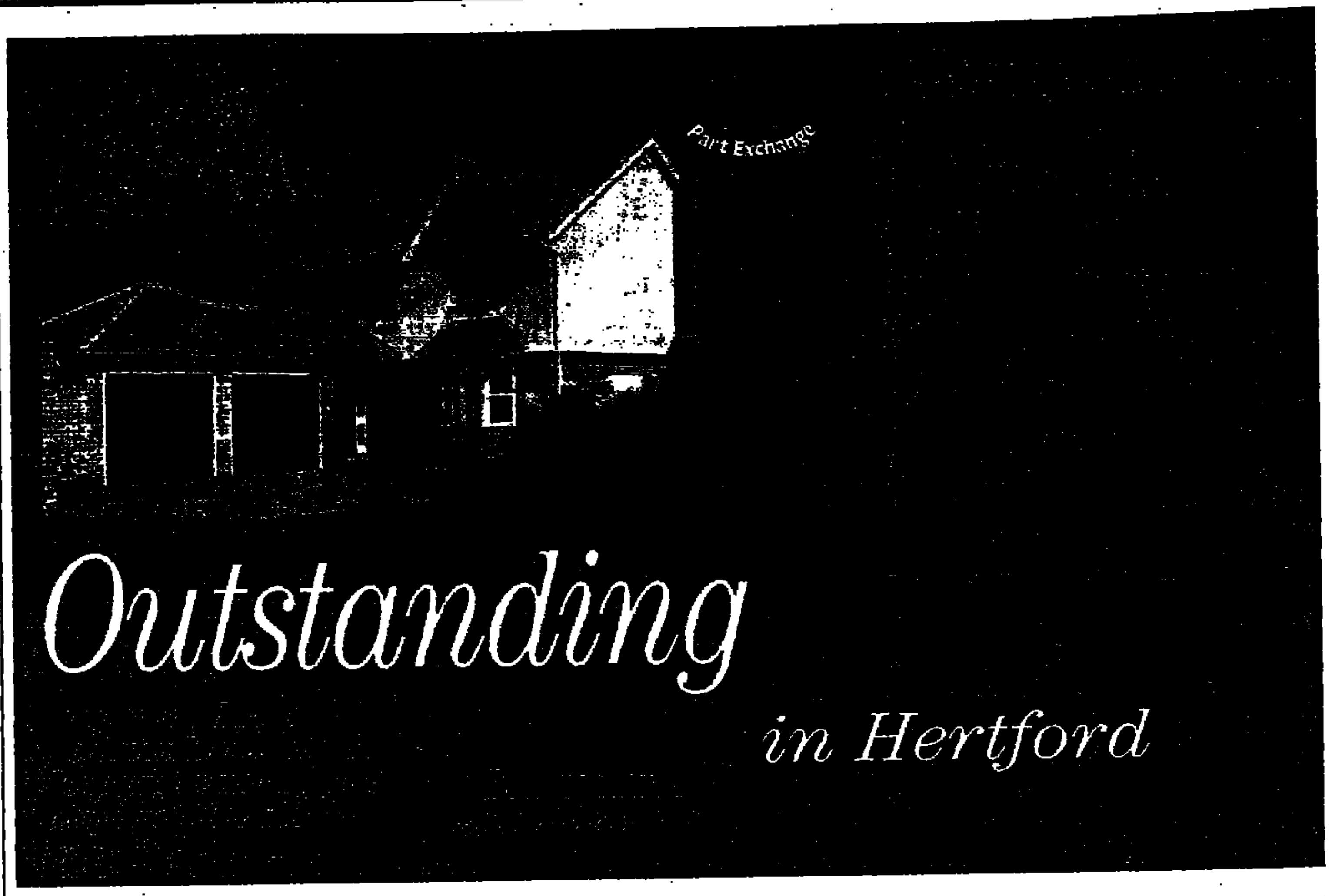

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Cavendish Lodge, in Bath is designed by a specialist in the classical country-house style; and The Manor House, Oaklands Manor House, Great Notley, Essex, which is due to be constructed shortly

Thoroughly modern mansions

Divide and prosper could be the motto of today's builders. A rash of new baronial mansions are being built, their façades Georgian and their entrances porticoed. They may look like modern stately homes, but tucked behind their period fronts are a dozen or so flats or houses. Welcome to the modern apartment block masquerading as a period villa.

Where once developers might have built in glass, now they build in stone. Where once their designs could have been dubbed Modernist, now they are firmly Retro. Such traditional schemes have flourished in order to ensure planning permission.

Trisha Gupta is chief architect for Countryside Properties, which is building Great Notley Garden Village, near Braintree in Essex. Its centrepiece is a manor house divided into three town houses. Planners are attracted by such buildings which inevitably provide a focal point for new schemes. Surrounding buildings can then reflect their architecture, forming a sympathetic whole.

If such blocks are sited in city centres, then conservative designs are more likely to dovetail with existing surroundings. For example, the Bentley Gate scheme in the conservation area of Stanmore, Middlesex, echoes existing architecture. The property is built from hand-made bricks, and has Georgian barred windows. "We have incorporated reconstituted stone quoins and a slate roof with dormer windows," says Graham Bell, from the developers Charles Church.

Such plans find favour with pressure groups such as the Urban Villages forum, which is pressing for more developments to adopt village characteristics.

We should heed their concerns. The scale of the prospective building boom is awesome. The Government predicts the need for 4.4 million new homes in the next 20 years, fuelled by social changes, such as divorce and longer life expectancy.

Up to half of these homes will be built on brown-field sites in urban areas, but the rest will be tacked onto urban fringes and green-field sites. If these new communities are to have soul, they need focal points. In his discussion document, *Quality in town and country*, John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, calls for a return to traditional town planning. Modern mansion blocks may help to combine that focus, sense of community and sympathetic architecture for which planners are supposedly striving.

But even such pastiche developments can trouble planners. Cavendish Lodge, for example, is a four-storey block of flats behind the façade of a Palladian villa in Bath. It was only built after an eight-year battle for planning permission, with skirmishes en route with Bath Council, the High Court, and the Court of Appeal.

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Nick Davies is another architect at Countryside Properties. He cites the nostalgia rampant among today's insecure homebuyers recovering from years of falling house prices. "People want something which has been around for a long time. We are trying to offer the benefits they perceive an older house to have — architectural style, character, and greater feelings of spaciousness — without the disadvantages, like dry rot."

Bob Stephens, of Beaufort Homes, says: "People in this country are traditionalists, and we all respect old buildings. There is an understandable desire to want to live in classical buildings. If we can combine that with the advantages of new buildings, then it is seen by purchasers as a double benefit."

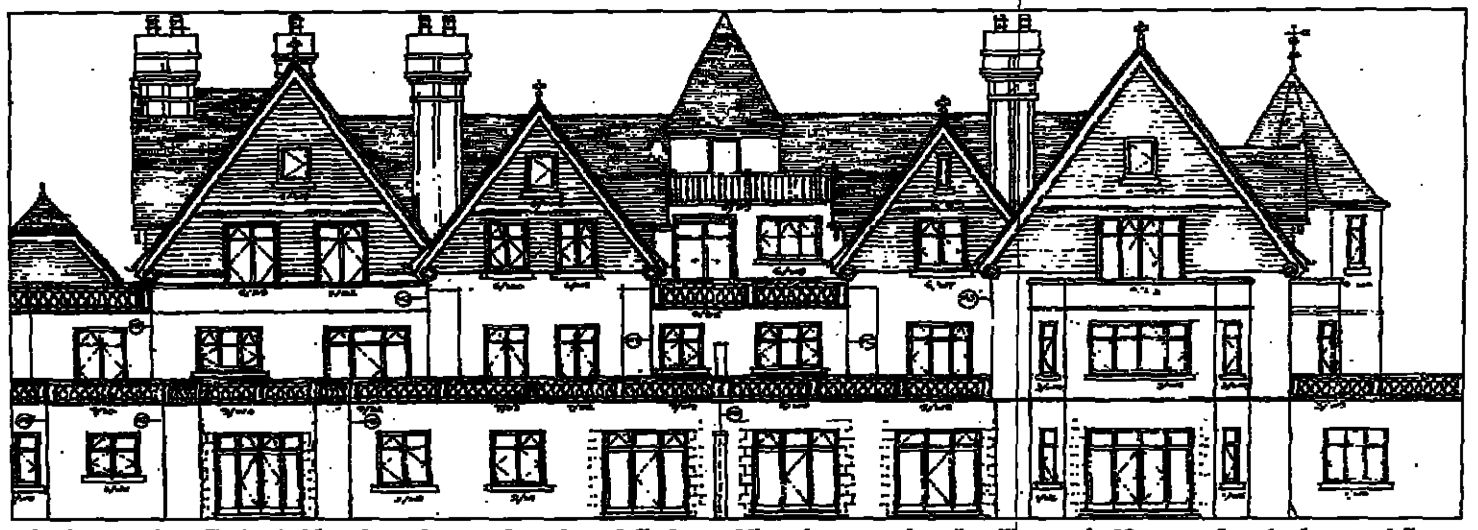
Flats are usually sold before such schemes are completed. At Bentley Gate, three quarters of the 24 apartments have already been sold for between £180,000 and £365,000 and eight of the 20 flats at Cavendish Lodge have been reserved.

Springwood Hall, a Victorian-style country house near Tonbridge in Kent, will have 18 flats. It has been developed by Honeygrove Properties. Jonathan Leeson from the firm says: "People moving out of Victorian homes which are now too large for them still want the benefits of a spacious house. Springwood is popular with businessmen looking for a UK base, with foreign investors, or as an out-of-town weekend retreat. It is like having your own stately home, but living in a wing of it, as many aristocratic families do today."

Such builders are following in the footsteps of Kit Martin, doyen of country-house conversions. His current schemes include the conversion of the Georgian square of the Royal Naval Hospital in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, the castle of Formakin in Renfrewshire, Scotland, and the estate of Maristow in Devon, overlooking the Tavy Estuary.

The maths add up for developers starting afresh. "With a refurbishment you are always exposing things you were not aware of, which increases costs," says Mr Leeson. "It is also easier to incorporate up-to-date features in new buildings, such as security measures and wiring, rather than in existing mansions where it is often difficult to hide wiring."

New schemes, however, rarely enjoy the established grounds and locations of their genuinely period counterparts.



Springwood Hall, Tonbridge, is set in a park and modelled on a Victorian mansion. It will contain 18 two to four-bedroomed flats

CLASSICAL LIVING

CAVENDISH LODGE, BATH
Built by Beaufort homes, it is designed by William Bertram, an architect specialising in classical housing. He is best known for his work on the Prince of Wales's Highgrove home, and has used £1 million of Bath stone, full-height portico, gate lodges, private drive, and gardens. Mod cons include a hydraulic lift and security system. There are 20 flats, mostly two-bedroom and two-bathroom, plus two detached, two-bedroom lodge houses, priced from £255,000 to £310,000 and ready next January.

SPRINGWOOD HALL, SPRINGWOOD PARK, TONBRIDGE
Modelled on Dene Park, an existing Victorian mansion converted by the developers Honeygrove, with a Gothic revival roofscape, hand-crafted joinery and ten-hectare country park setting. There are 18 two to four-bedroom apartments priced around £200,000 to £400,000. Completion is expected next year.

BENTLEY GATE, STANMORE, MIDDLESEX
Described as "cottage Georgian" by developers Charles Church, using reconstituted stone quoins and hand-made bricks. Mod cons include a communal satellite dish, secure underground parking, wiring for infra-red remote control of audio and video systems. There are 24 two and three-bedroom apartments, including five penthouses, from £180,00 to £360,000.

OAKLANDS MANOR HOUSE, GREAT NOTLEY GARDEN VILLAGE, ESSEX
"It's classical, but not a pastiche. We've not slavishly copied anything. It's meant to be reminiscent of a manor house," says Trisha Gupta, chief architect, of Countryside Properties. There are reconstituted stone sills and lintels, full-height portico, an avenue approach, gate lodges, and mature woodland backdrop. Construction is due to begin shortly.

AMANDA LOOSE

Fancy a holiday in a Lutyens house?

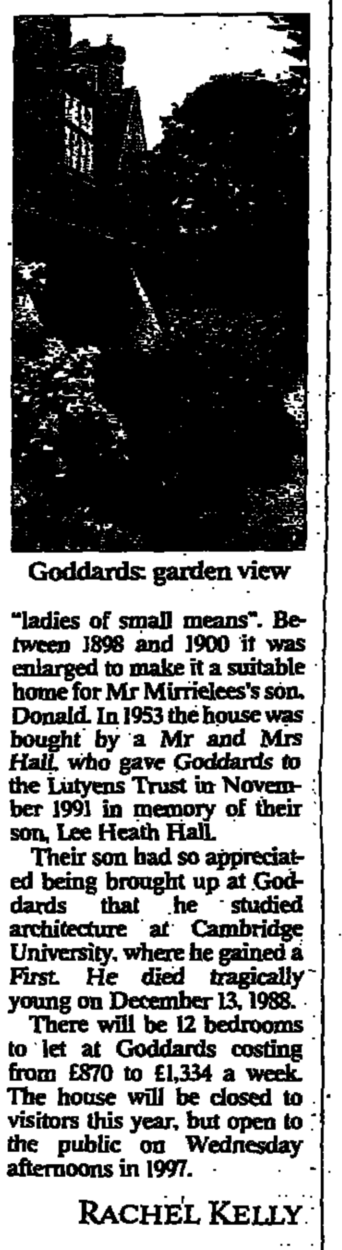
Trust home is put in hands of a charity

A fine house built by Edwin Lutyens, with a garden planted by Gertrude Jekyll, has been handed over to the charity The Landmark Trust. The house will be let to the public for holidays.

Goddards, near Abinger Common in Surrey, was previously owned by the Lutyens Trust. But it has been unable to make ends meet by opening the distinctive house, with its deep eaves shading banded windows, to the public. It has sold it to the Landmark Trust on a 99-year lease at a peppercorn rent.

The Lutyens Trust will continue to occupy the library to use as an office and will also have the use of the whole building for one week each year.

Goddards was built for a Frederick Mirrielees, originally as a holiday home for "ladies of small means". Between 1898 and 1900 it was enlarged to make it a suitable home for Mr Mirrielees's son, Donald. In 1953 the house was bought by a Mr and Mrs Hall, who gave Goddards to the Lutyens Trust in November 1991 in memory of their son, Lee Heath Hall.



Goddards: garden view

Their son had so appreciated being brought up at Goddards that he studied architecture at Cambridge University, where he gained a First. He died tragically young on December 13, 1988.

There will be 12 bedrooms to let at Goddards costing from £870 to £1,334 a week. The house will be closed to visitors this year, but open to the public on Wednesday afternoons in 1997.

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Things that go crunch in the night

Sally Ballard on how to identify the voracious moths and grubs that you find when spring-cleaning

Spring-cleaning may unearth more than spent Christmas tree needles and months of winter dust. The gradual warmth fires microscopic jaws into a frenzy of eating — the menu being the very fabric of the house.

Many people are unaware that the tiny clothes moths, house moths and carpet beetle grubs — the scourge of natural fibres — do not confine their tastes solely to woolly jumpers, silk underwear and fur hats. They can cause enormous damage to pipe lagging and felt insulation in house and loft spaces — quite apart from feasting on carpets and upholstery.

The most likely places for the grubs to begin their lives are in bird and wasp nests hidden away under eaves and in lofts. "People should keep birds from nesting in the guttering and the loft," says Tony Stephens, public relations manager of Rentokil, the pest control company. "A bird's nest has a little jungle of nine or ten insect species living in it. From here the larvae will migrate along pipework and get into the house, especially the airing cupboard."

Perforated jumpers and T-shirts are giveaway signs that someone is sharing your clothing and living space. Suspicions should be aroused when tiny grubs just a few millimetres long are seen on carpets or clothing. Neat indiscriminate holes are a sure sign that the fibre has been breakfasted on. Cast skins, dusty droppings or fluttering moths show that some biological process is going on in the home. It may be advisable to replace felt insulation and similar lagging around pipes with synthetic materials, says Mr Stephens.

Many pests need a humid environment in order to thrive. So eliminating damp areas will help to control outbreaks, he advises. There are 15 species of carpet beetle grub living in the British Isles. They tend to chomp away unnoticed in dark, out-of-the-way places such as under the sofa, in the underlay of carpets, in rarely vacuumed corners, where carpets join skirting boards, and in the dust between the floorboards.

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Carpet beetle: there are 15 species found in Britain

The larvae of the commonly found brown house moth feeds on dried animal and vegetable material and can bite its way through most packing materials such as paper, cardboard, polythene and polystyrene. The common clothes moth grub, a creamy white caterpillar, causes extensive damage to wool, fur, dried skins and leather.

The larvae will munch at will, so that instead of destroying one jumper with lots of holes, they can destroy several, with a single hole in each. The life-cycle of these insects generally follows a similar pattern. From eggs laid by the adult moth or beetle emerge the larvae with their scissor-like jaws.

This, when fed, goes into a dormant pupal state before emerging as a short-lived adult who mates, lays eggs on suitable foodstuff, such as clothing or carpets, ready for the cycle to begin again. The grub may live several weeks. The adult's life is usually numbered in days. Some moths and carpet beetles can produce two or three generations a year.

Clothing that is to be put away for some time should be thoroughly washed to dislodge eggs or grubs and then stored in zip-up clothes bags. Carpets should not be stored in the attic — neither should offcuts be used for lagging pipes. If carpets show sign of attack they should be treated with a moth repellent and new carpets should be proofed when first laid down. If larvae are found they should be squashed.

The last resort is to burn badly damaged clothing to prevent reinfestation — otherwise articles which can be repaired should be thoroughly brushed to remove eggs and then washed. "I have dealt with tapestries, carpets, clothing of good quality wool and silks," says Garrick Hawkes, who runs County Pest Control Contracts, in Daventry. "A dead bird down a blanked-off chimney or in the attic can be a real problem. I have seen the grubs strip a carcass of a dead pigeon in a loft. They can quite happily eat through that and then walk through the house."

Sparrows use feathers to line their nest, providing protein for the beetle grubs. Starlings are dirty in their nesting habits which attracts the beetle grubs and the blood-sucking bird mite. The house martin is one of the main carriers of the ladybird-sized, crab-like bed bug, says Mr Hawkes. A spring clean should include clearing all nesting material out of the attic and from under the eves.

If moving into a home already furnished with carpets, he suggests calling a pest control firm to inspect them for signs of beetles.

One particular irony comes in the form of the Guernsey carpet beetle. Its first sighting was when it was found chomping its way through some of the 27 million insect specimens housed in the entomology department at the Natural History Museum. "All that the beetle larvae leave are the pins, the labels and piles of dust," says George Else, manager of the museum's Insect Information Services. "These beetles and moths are all around. They cannot be prevented from entering the house and most homes will be infested. All you can do is to protect specific items."

- *The Natural History Museum's Insect Information Service offers a free inquiries and identification service. Write to The Manager, Insect Information Services, Department of Entomology, The Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD.*
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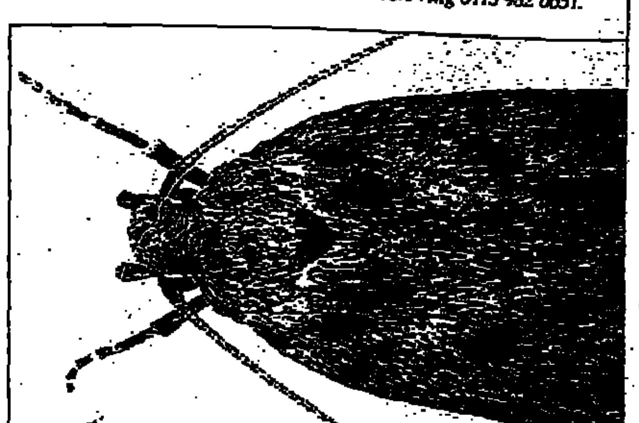

Brown house moth: bites its way through packing materials

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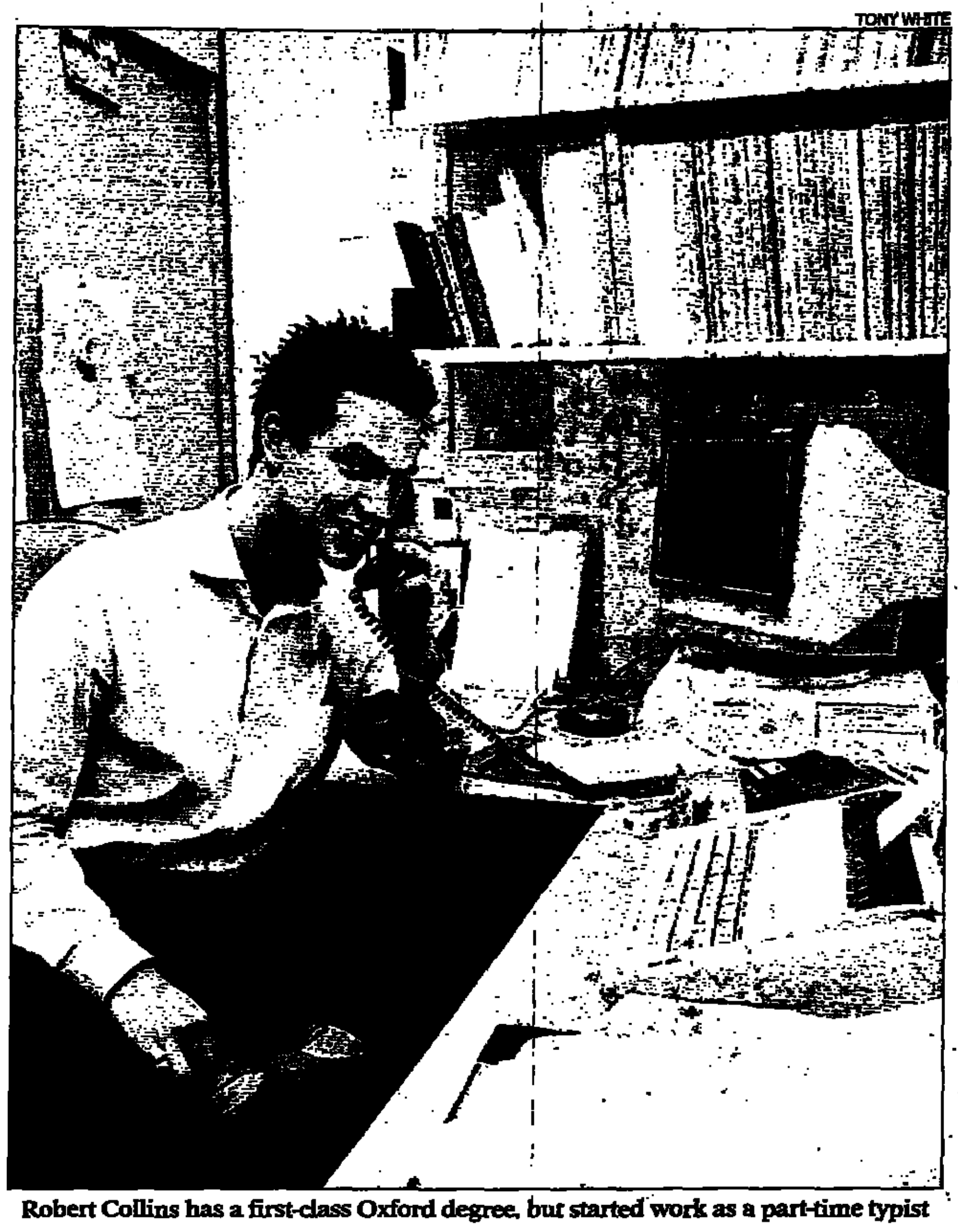
TONY WHITE

Robert Collins has a first-class Oxford degree, but started work as a part-time typist

Keyboard key to a career

Secretaries are no longer confined to the typing pool, and the job is recognised as a potential launching pad to much greater responsibility, writes **Julia Lewis**

It never entered my head to seek promotion when I was a secretary in the Sixties. I did change jobs, but only to move sideways, usually because I felt it was *time to try something new*.

Graduates were in a different league. They may have started at the bottom, but their fingers never touched the keyboard. They were the future high-flyers, we were the ones left behind, pounding away on *our uprights*.

Today's situation can hardly be more different, partly because of the recession and partly changing attitudes and expectations. Secretarial work is beginning to be recognised — by both bosses and employees — as an invaluable training ground. Those who scorn it may well be losing out.

Both men and women, graduates and non-graduates alike, are now often starting *off at the same level — doing* a job that involves typing the boss's letters, whether called assistant, co-ordinator or secretary. While some are doing the job for its own sake, more are seeing it as a way of getting a foot in the door, and of gaining experience.

"Men are expected to type now," says Jago Irwin, 24, an architectural history graduate, who has realised he may lose out without keyboard skills. He is employed in the post-room of actors and writers agents Peters Fraser & Dunlop, having done a series of "odds and ends" in the way of jobs. To make the vital leap from post-room to agent's assistant, he is about to take a *typing course*.

The same firm employs Robert Collins, 23, who has a first-class degree in modern languages from Oxford, as a part-time typist. Mr Collins, who works for the agent Anthony Jones, went to St James Secretarial College, believing *it* "a useful thing to do". When the job *turned up, it seemed* perfect — he had the afternoons free to write *his novel. Opportunities* are there, says Mr Collins: "Already I'm doing a bit more apart from the typing — they're delegating things to me simply by dint of being here, knowing the clients and what is going on. And, of course, by typing Anthony's letters I get a good idea of what he's doing."

Design graduate Lucy Mackenzie, 25, found it hard to survive in the competitive world of design — despite having won a Habitat competition — and reluctantly resorted to a secretarial course.

Through the recruitment agency Angela Mortimer she found a job as production secretary with SFTV, the independent television company *which makes programmes for* BBC schools television. A year later, she's "thrilled" with her change of prospects. *She is* now a production co-ordinator and has already designed several props for a series.

With only one O-level, Emma Finch, 24, felt her future was bleak. "I just wanted to teach myself something that would take me up the ladder," she says. Without time or the means to take a course, *she used the computer* in the local library to work through the Word for Windows tutorial and teach-yourself typing programme.

Her opportunity to put her new skills into practice came while she was a temporary *receptionist* in an insurance company. "They kept giving me different things to do and then realised that I could do more. I started typing letters, using the database, and dealing with customers." Ms Finch showed *such* potential that one of the bosses, leaving for a rival *firm, took her with him as his* PA.

Most young secretaries *would agree that they quickly* gain confidence as well as experience by virtue of being in the job. Claire Morgan, 21, who trained at Queen's Marlborough College after her A-levels, says that when she started in the management consultancy division of the accountants Ernst & Young she was so shy she was "like a frightened rabbit". Now she is a different person. "It's done *me the power* of good. It's such a large organisation and you have to get used to dealing with so many people."

Young people, however, must be realistic in their expectations, says Amanda Maine-Tucker, the recruitment consultant. Many, especially graduates, feel too grand for secretarial work and complain that they are not getting on fast enough.

"The world really is your oyster if you can get your foot into a company — you have a wonderful *opportunity* to get experience. But if you just sit there and don't make an extra effort, you will *not* get on. The people who get on are those who notice things that need doing without being asked. Say you are typing a letter which says 'we'd like to hear from you in a week', you'll note that in your diary and in a week's time you'll tap your boss on the shoulder saying: 'Did they get back to you?'"

There are opportunities to progress, especially in PR, marketing and retailing, adds Charlotte Summers, a recruitment consultant. But being a graduate does not guarantee promotion. A bright young person with GCSEs may go far with the right attitude.

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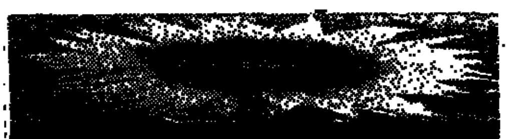

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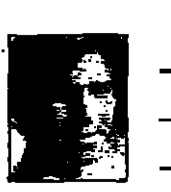


Oliver Holt, in Orlando, sees one of the finest individual basketball displays of all time

After the game was over, they streamed out of the O-rena into the fierce late afternoon sun. Some of them headed for the shade of a cluster of palm trees, others stood waiting in the heat for the players to emerge. Almost all of them clutched cardboard signs proclaiming that they believed in Magic. On Monday afternoon, they had seen it with their own eyes.

This was no sophistry, either. This was the real thing: sporting achievement so sublime that it transcends the normal boundaries and exceeds the usual expectations. It was like watching Ayrton Senna on a hot lap or Diego Maradona dribbling through a defence. To borrow a little basketball parlance, when Michael Jordan "comes up big", it ranks right up there with the great sights in sport.

On Monday, he beat the Orlando Magic practically on his own here to complete the Chicago Bulls' 4-0 rout in the Eastern Conference finals of the National Basketball Association (NBA) championship. Everybody said so; no one dissented. Not even the home fans complained. They shook their heads from time to time in bewilderment but mostly they just marvelled at the man.

Every time he got the ball with his back to the man guarding him, Jordan swivelled, leapt slightly backwards to give himself space to arch his shot over the outstretched hands of his rival and released the ball. Only once did he miss. The rest bulged the net without even touching the rim. He scored 45 of his team's 106 points, more than three times the total of any of his team-mates.

"In games like this, it is very easy to get carried away with the adrenalin, to get too pumped up," Jordan said. "So I just sat back and saw how the others were playing. I did not force the issue. I just let the game come to me."

All this against the Magic, too, the brave new team that is supposed to have the NBA at its mercy. Led by the giant Shaquille O'Neal, they have been hyped as the team of the future, but they had no answer to Jordan.

"I was pleased with the way we played today," Brian Hill, the Magic coach, said. "But unfortunately there was a guy wearing No 23 out there and we could not overcome what he did. We shut down everyone else but not him. That is the greatness of Michael Jordan."

Earlier this week, Jordan was named the NBA's Most Valuable Player for the fifth time. In his first full year back after flirting with minor league baseball, he led the Bulls to a regular season record of 72 wins and ten defeats, easily surpassing the best previous mark. They have lost only one game in the play-offs and now only the Seattle SuperSonics or the Utah Jazz stand between him and a fourth NBA title. Jordan is back and better than ever.

Last week, though, he made it clear that genius has a price. He becomes a free agent at the end of the season, able to entertain offers for his talents. He wants to stay with the Bulls, but he wants them to pay him $18 million a season for the next two years for the privilege. It sounds a lot, but the consensus here is that Chicago should snatch his hand off.

Even though he is already the world's highest-paid sports star, earning more than $40 million a year through endorsements from companies like Nike, McDonald's and Gatorade, he only earned a salary of $3.9 million from the Bulls this season.

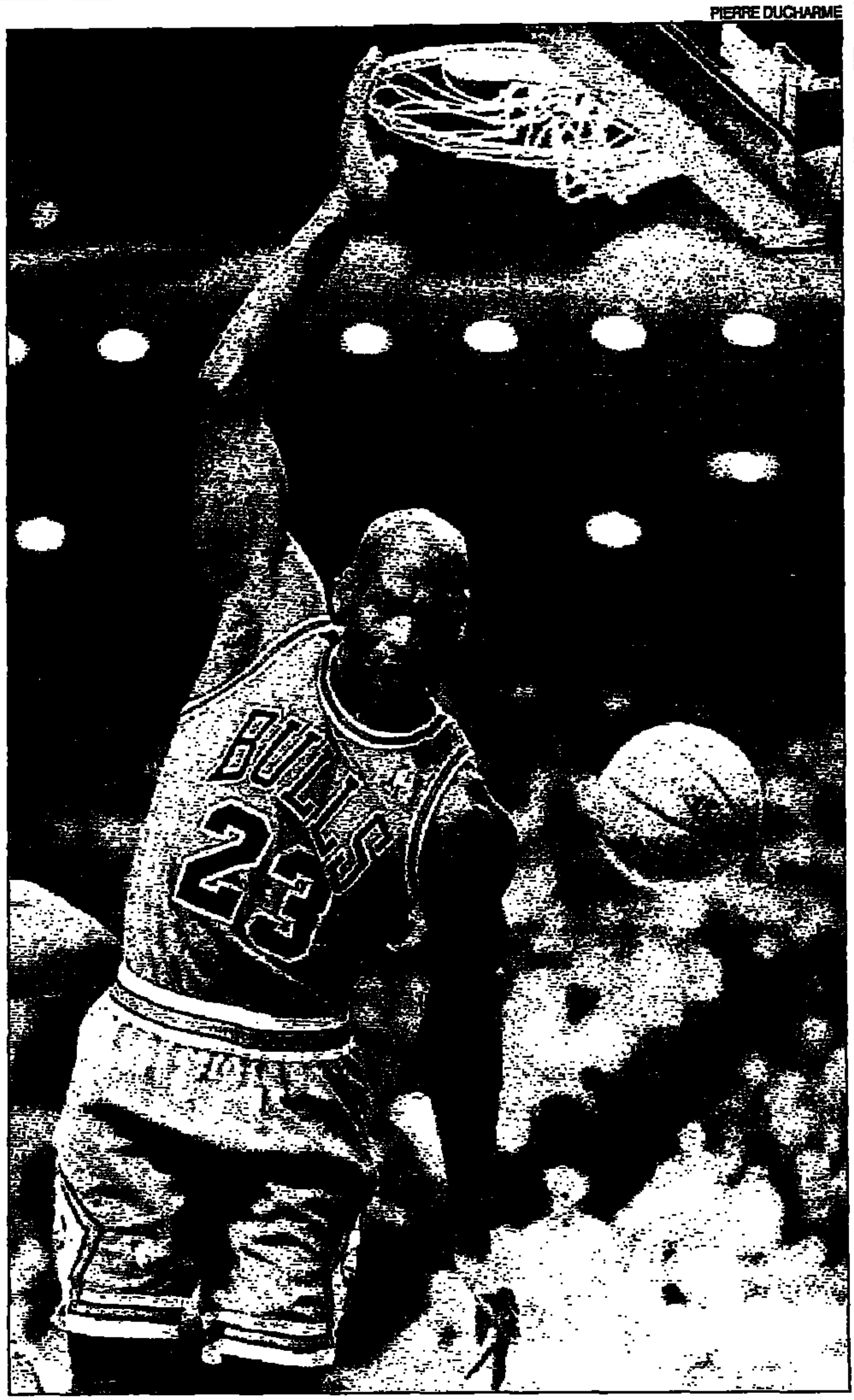
That put him outside the top 15 in the list of highest-paid players in the league this season. Patrick Ewing, of the New York Knicks, heads that list with $18.7 million; O'Neal is in seventh place with $5.7 million, but he, too, is about to become a free agent and is asking the Magic for $100 million to stay there for the next six years.

It is Jordan, though, who is the jewel in the NBA crown. Since he joined the Bulls in 1984, he has transformed them from an anonymous team into the best-supported club in the league. They built a new stadium, the United Center, on the back of the success he brought and placed a statue of him in front of it so that there could be no doubt. The last 434 games there have been sold out. Each of the top five games screened by NBC this season has featured the Bulls.

"Having Michael in the team is like coaching Michelangelo," Phil Jackson, the Bulls coach, said. "He is a genius at work. I don't know what worth is in this game. I don't deal with balance sheets. But I do know this: if anybody gets paid money in this league, Michael Jordan deserves it."

The feats of Jordan have dragged attention away, for the moment at least, from his outrageous team-mate, Dennis Rodman, he of the pierced scrotum and ever-changing hair colours. But in his new book, *Bad as I Wanna Be*, Rodman even takes time off from discussing the intimacies of his failed relationship with Madonna to moan about player salaries in general and his own paltry $3 million annual recompense. "I've come to realise we are the prostitutes," he says. "We are professional prostitutes, wearing a game jersey and a uniform. If we have already established what we are, the only thing left is to discuss the price.

"For five years, I have felt like the best prostitute in a high-class whorehouse. I'm the one who brings the house all the johns and all the money but every year it's the same: all the other girls get paid more than I do."



PIERRE DUCHARME

Jordan rises unopposed to score with a dunk in his total mastery of Magic

Depleted England get flying start

FROM COLIN McQUILLAN
IN PETALING JAYA, MALAYSIA

THE absence of so many leading players from the 16 nations involved in the first mixed WSF World Cup of squash in Malaysia this week — including England's Del Harris and Simon Parke — has forced the organisers into a last-minute operation to re-seed the participants.

Instead of facing New Zealand, Hong Kong and Malaysia as second seeds, at the head of qualifying Pool B, England started yesterday with a 3-0 win over the Netherlands. They meet Malaysia and then Finland later in the week.

New Zealand, coached by Paul Wright, England's former national coach, were boosted to third seeds at the head of Pool C in the re-ranking but were promptly overturned 3-0 by a tough little South African squad.

The winners of each pool go into the crossover semi-finals on Friday, which makes South Africa's win vital, with the relatively weak Swedes and Brazilians completing the roll in the new Pool C.

Australia, the top seeds, won 3-0 against Hong Kong in Pool A. But Rodney Eyles, the world No 2, was taken to five hard games by Faheem Khan, the Hong Kong-based Pakistani, who is ranked No 36.

England gained victory even though Chris Walker, the captain, and Jane Martin were rested. Mark Chaloner defeated Lucas Buit 9-3, 9-2, 9-6, Suzanne Horner overcame Vanessa Atkinson 9-7, 9-3, 9-5 and Mark Cairns earned victory against Peter Scheerder 9-0, 9-0, 9-3. "There is no way we would risk a world championship with less than our strongest squad," Stuart Courtney, the England manager, said. "Del is recovering from a groin injury and Simon from a brush with cancer."

Wales, demoted to No 13 seeds when they arrived without Alex Gough, lost 1-2 to Canada in Pool D.

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Redgrave added to Lucerne absentees

BY MIKE ROSEWELL
ROWING CORRESPONDENT

STEVE REDGRAVE and Matthew Pinsent, the world and Olympic coxless pairs champions, have withdrawn from the Lucerne regatta this weekend. Redgrave failed to appear for training yesterday morning because he has the virus afflicting a number of rowers based at Leander.

The withdrawal of the British eight was announced last Saturday after half the crew were taken ill and, with Pinsent also affected and put on "low activity" training, the coxless pair did not row together for much of the past week.

Redgrave said yesterday: "Matthew has been off for five days. It was not worth taking the risk at Lucerne." Brian Armstrong, the Britain international rowing manager, confirmed the cautious approach. "Obviously, with just eight weeks to go until Atlanta, we are not taking any risks," Armstrong said. "We are confident that this will not have any significant affect on Steve and Matthew's final preparation."

Redgrave, who is attempting to become the first Briton in the 100-year history of the modern Olympic Games to win four successive gold medals, has not competed at Lucerne, traditionally the last significant trial, since 1984. In 1988 he and his then partner, Andy Holmes, missed the regatta through injury before winning gold in the coxless pairs and bronze in the coxed pairs in Seoul. In 1992, Redgrave suffered severe colitis during his preparations for Barcelona, but subsequently won gold, with Pinsent, with ease.

A change has also been forced upon a non-Leander based Olympic crew, the men's lightweight coxless four. Tom Kay is ill and has been replaced by Steve Ellis, a member of the crew which won world championship gold in 1994 and qualified for the Games with fifth place in Tampere, Finland, last year.

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Proposals put forward to end practice of coupling runners

France plans to reform betting system

By Julian Muscat

JULIAN HERBERT

Carnegie, near side, wins the 1994 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, but his odds were reduced because he was coupled with three unplaced runners

FRANCE-GALOP, the country's racing authority, has taken steps to abandon the practice of coupling horses for betting purposes in time for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp on October 6.

The move will be welcomed by the 20,000 British racegoers who habitually attend the Arc, and who are often caught out by the coupling prodecure. Horses owned by the same individual are grouped together as one entry in French betting pools. This necessarily diminishes the odds, particularly when owners like Sheikh Mohammed may have three or four fancied runners in the race.

The mechanism has led to heated confrontations between unknowing victims of the practice and those manning betting terminals. But proposals to abandon coupling are to be endorsed by France-Galop and forwarded to the Ministry of Agriculture for ratification. It is hoped the introduction of individual odds for each runner will be in place by September 1.

French racing is labouring against the popularity of a country's National Lottery, and the move to abandon coupling forms part of a wider strategy to generate interest in horserace betting. The experiment granting free admission to racegoers on selected days has seen attendances rise by 40 per cent, although similar increases in betting turnover have not been forthcoming.

In a separate development, triggered by events in last year's Arc, France-Galop has made it mandatory for connections to declare whether they are running any of their horses as a pacemaker. Even though he ran in different colours, all the evidence surrounding Luso's Arc participation in October suggested he was sacrificed for Lammtarra's cause.

Those who backed Luso were taken aback when the Italian Derby winner, unusually sporting blinkers, set out to make all the running under Cash Asmussen. This played directly into the hands of Lammtarra, owned by Saeed Maktoum Al-Maktoum and trained by Sheikh Mohammed's Godolphin stable. Luso is owned by Saeed Manana, whose racing affairs are handled by Sheikh Mohammed's Darley Stud Management. However, the two horses were not coupled for betting purposes.

The new measures were announced in London yesterday by Louis Romanet, director of international racing at France-Galop. Romanet also confirmed that Forte's three-year contract to sponsor the Arc will be honoured with the same financial commitments as before Forte's takeover by Granada earlier this year. The race will be run as the Forte/Meridien Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Horses trained in Britain are responsible for 55 — some 36 per cent — of the 155 Arc entries this year. Paul Cole is preparing Riyadian for the race and said the colt would have a maximum of one run before the championship contest. Interesting omissions are Nash House and Farasan.

Willie Carson now intends to appeal against the five-day ban imposed on him after he wore an unapproved helmet when landing the Irish 1,000 aboard Matiya last Saturday. His appeal will be heard in the Turf Club's offices at the Curragh tomorrow. As things stand, Carson misses the Oaks a week on Friday but would return to partner Alhaarth in the Derby the next day.

One of Alhaarth's opponents will be Mick's Love. The Godolphin runner was yesterday withdrawn from Sunday's Prix du Jockey-Club in favour of Epsom, where he will be ridden by John Murtagh. Godolphin may yet be represented in France by Don Micheletto, while Peter Chapple-Hyam is considering supplementing his Chester Vase winner, High Baroque.

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114	0600	DISTANT DYNASTY 43 (B,D,G,S) B Pearce 6-7-10	R Mullen (7) 1
115	0000	MY MOTHER'S LOCAL 29 (B) K C-Brown 3-7-10	N Adams 15

5-1 Mazzarello, 6-1 Friendly Brave, Lloc, 7-1 Squire Corrie, 8-1 Barranak, 10-1 Mousehole, Canovas Heart, 12-1 others.

2.45 HOTEL BURSTIN MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,234: 6f) (14)

201	5	MISTER PINK 7 R Johnson Houghton 8-8	J Reid 12
202	0	CAPTAIN PICARD 16 D O'Brien 8-3	G Bardwell 6
203		HERSSHAN DANCER B Millman 8-3	M Fenton 5
204		SENORITA MATILDA R Hannon 8-3	Dane O'Neill (3) 4
205	4	JANGLYNYVE 20 S Woods 8-2	D Harrison 10
206		DASUL G Lewis 8-1	Paul Eddery 14
207		MATOAKA R Williams 8-1	D Biggs 1
208	66	SUPERCAL 7 D Elsworth 8-1	B Doyle 9
209	02	MISS BARCELONA 8 M Polglase 8-0	W Hollick 13
210	5	TOPATORI 30 M Tompkins 8-0	P Robinson 2
211	6	NAMPARA BAY 16 G Bravery 7-13	D R McCabe 8
212		NO CLASS R Harris 7-13	A Mackay 11
213	33	WHAT HAPPENED WAS 12 M Meade 7-12	M Henry (5) 7
214		WHYNOTRISKME R Harris 7-12	D Batteate 3

7-2 What Happened Was, 9-2 Mister Pink, 6-1 Senorita Matilda, 7-1 Supercal, 8-1 Topatori, 10-1 Janglynyve, Miss Barcelona, 12-1 others.

3.15 LYMPNE LIMITED STAKES (£2,381: 1m 4f) (18)

301	5244	AJDAR 20 (G) Miss G Kelleway 5-9-11	W J O'Connor 3
302	5465	TODD 43 (G) P Mitchell 5-9-11	A Clark 12
303	1160	PIP'S DREAM 11J (D,F,G) M Ryan 5-9-10	D Biggs 17
304	503-	BIRTHDAY BOY 18J (V) J Jenkins 4-9-9	T Quinn 5
305	0-21	CANTON VENTURE 18 (D,G) S Woods 4-9-9	W Woods 14
306	0300	CHARLIE BIGTIME 4 (D,F,G) R Harris 6-9-9	A Mackay 18
307	00-2	FAST FORWARD FRED 38 L M Hall 5-9-9	Dane O'Neill (3) 11
308	00-0	SHY PADDY 48J (B) K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-9	— 1
309	00-2	SILVER HUNTER 16 (F) G Bravery 5-9-9	M Hills 13
310	20-0	SOOJAMA 43 (C,F,G) R Flower 6-9-9	G Hind 8
311	5344	TRUMBLE 23J (D,G) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-9	M Henry (5) 7
312	0451	POLY MY SON 16 (F) M Channon 3-8-8	R Hughes 16
313	000	BREYDON 32 M Tompkins 3-8-6	P Robinson 6
314	0000	LARIK 12 K Ivory 3-8-6	S Sanders 9
315	4200	LORD ELLANGOWAN 36 (B) R Ingram 3-8-5	P McCabe (3) 15
316	4-00	TAKE NOTE 47 N Graham 3-8-6	D Harrison 4
317	00-6	BOSTON TEA PARTY 20 A Moore 3-8-3	Candy Morris 2
318	50-0	MISS PRISM 41 J Dunlop 3-8-3	S Whitworth 10

5-1 Ajdar, 6-1 Fast Forward Fred, 7-1 Pip's Dream, Poly My Son, 8-1 Canton Venture, Silver Hunter, 10-1 others.

3.45 GLOVER INSURANCE SERVICES 50TH ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP (£3,316: 1m 1f 149yd) (15)

401	0-05	GLORIANA 16 (D,S) Lady Herries 4-10-0	J Reid 2
402	43-0	GUESSTIMATION 32 (CD,F,G,S) J Pearce 7-9-11	G Bardwell 5
403	0342	WET PATCH 11 (F,G) R Hannon 4-9-8	R Hughes 6
404	0000	EVER SO LYRICAL 9 (F,G) P Harris 6-9-8	G Hind 8
405	113-	DUTOSKY 25J (CD,F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 6-9-8	D Biggs 4
406	5001	IT'STHEBUSINESS 11 (F) S Dow 4-9-6	T Quinn 14
407	840-	OUR LITTLE LADY 28J J Poulton 4-9-0	F Norton 3
408	00-0	NORSONG 18 (F) R Akehurst 4-8-13	S Sanders 15
409	3355	WHITE PLAINS 11 (C,BF,F) M Bell 3-8-13	M Fenton 7
410	0600	NOBLE NEPTUNE 10 (F) W Musson 4-8-12	R Price 1
411	3500	SOUTH EASTERN FRED 67 (D,F,G) H Collingridge 5-8-8	J Quinn 10
412	50-6	CLASSIC AFFAIR 11 R Harris 3-8-8	A Mackay 11
413	0-00	FLORENTINO 51 B Hills 3-8-8	M Hills 12
414	0000	TOTAL RACH 20 (B,F,G) R Ingram 4-8-7	W Woods 13
415	0-00	DOUBLE RUSH 11 (C,G) T Mills 4-8-6	Mark Lynch 9

4-1 Wet Patch, 5-1 It'sthebusiness, Norsong, 6-1 Dutosky, 10-1 Gloriana, White Plains, 12-1 Florentino, 14-1 others.

4.15 SELLINDGE CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: £2,031: 6f 189yd) (9)

501	5243	MILOS 23 (D,F,G) T Naughton 5-8-10	Paul Eddery 6
502	0-00	MARTINOSKY 23 (F,G) G Bravery 10-9-6	N Day 5
503	0000	KOMODO 9 (B) K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-2	C Munday (7) 4
504	040/	THE ATHELING 1254 M Tompkins 6-9-2	P Robinson 1
505	0000	JUSTINIANUS 16 (D,G,S) J Bridger 4-9-0	Darren Moffatt (3) 8
506	053-	LOGIE 14J (V) D Sandolfo 4-9-0	M Fenton 7
507	-344	SCATHEBURY 18 (G) S Woods 3-8-13	W Woods 2
508	0006	DIAMOND BANGLE 7 W Muir 4-8-7	T Quinn 3
509	-000	PETITE ANNIE 13 T Mills 3-8-0	Mark Lynch 9

7-2 Scathebury, 4-1 Milos, 9-2 Logie, 5-1 Komodo, Petite Annie, 7-1 Martinosky, 10-1 others.

4.45 SELLINDGE CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: £2,031: 6f 189yd) (8)

601	10-5	MOON STRIKE 18 (D,F,G) S Williams 6-9-10	M Hills 6
602	04-5	DONTFORGET INSIGHT 12 (B,D,G) C Brooks 5-9-4	Paul Eddery 5
603	0-00	FORGOTTEN DANCER 23 (C,S) R Ingram 5-9-2	D R McCabe 3
604	0055	ROCKVILLE PIKE 9 (V,C,D,G,S) S Dow 4-9-0	T Quinn 7
605	000-	SAPPHIRE SON 280 (D,G) D Morris 4-9-0	P Bloomfield 8
606	0200	WOOLVERSTONE HALL 32 (B) D Murray Smith 4-8-9	N Adams 4
607	5400	BRANSTON KRISTY 47 (B) C Smith 4-8-7	M Baird (5) 1
608		LITTLE WOBBLY P Clarke 6-8-7	P P Murphy (5) 2

2-1 Moon Strike, 3-1 Dontforget Insight, 4-1 Rockville Pike, 8-1 Forgotten Dancer, Branston Kristy, 10-1 Sapphire Son, 12-1 others.

5.15 SMEETHE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,381: 6f 189yd) (8)

1	2525	BARANOV 61 D Murray Smith 9-0	A Clark 1
2	00-0	COWBOY DREAMS 30 M Tompkins 9-0	P Robinson 2
3	0	GOVERNOR'S BID 36 Mrs L Jewell 9-0	N Adams 4
4	00-0	INAMINIT 19 H Collingridge 9-0	J Quinn 8
5	50	STONE ISLAND 8 C Cyzer 9-0	G Hind 5
6	4222	YOUNG MAZAAD 9 (B) D O'Brien 9-0	G Bardwell 6
7	3	COINTOSSER 140 S Woods 8-9	W Woods 7
8	00	WITO DEBT 11 J Poulton 8-9	P McCabe (3) 3

5-4 Young Mazaad, 3-1 Baranov, 7-2 Stone Island, 5-1 Cointosser, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Dunlop, 13 winners from 46 runners, 28.3%; J Pearce, 12 from 48, 25.0%; B Millman, 6 from 26, 23.1%; Lady Herries, 4 from 18, 22.2%; G Harwood, 7 from 35, 20.0%; R Akehurst, 16 from 91, 17.6%.

JOCKEYS: Dane O'Neill, 5 winners from 27 rides, 18.5%; M Hills, 4 from 23, 17.4%; M Henry, 4 from 25, 16.0%; Paul Eddery, 13 from 82, 15.9%; B Doyle, 7 from 50, 14.0%; T Quinn, 16 from 122, 13.1%.

RIPON

THUNDERER

6.45 Grand Lad. 7.15 Tabriz. 7.45 The Wad. 8.15 So Amazing. 8.45 Opaque. 9.15 Kayf.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 6.45 Grand Lad. 8.45 Opaque.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

6.45 LISHMAN, SIDWELL, CAMPBELL AND PRICE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,548: 5f) (12 runners)

1	(3)	3	CAUDA EQUINA 8 M Channon 9-0	K Darley	89
2	(5)		DIVIDE AND RULE R Hollinshead 9-0	D Griffiths (5)	—
3	(11)	3	GRAND LAD 25 R Armstrong 9-0	R Hills	[illegible]
4	(8)		HONOURABLE FELIX E Alston 9-0	S D Williams	—
5	(4)	3	RUM LAD 11 J Quinn 9-0	N Connorton	74
6	(10)		SANDBAGGEDAGAIN M W Easterby 9-0	Dale Gibson	—
7	(1)		SIOUSROUGE P Haslam 9-0	J Weaver	—
8	(7)		TICKNTIMA M Hammond 9-0	K Fallon	—
9	(6)	0	FLO'S CHOICE 10 J A Harris 8-9	J O'Reilly	—
10	(12)		HONG KONG EXPRESS J Berry 8-9	J Carroll	—
11	(2)		VAX STAR J Spearing 8-9	S Drowne (3)	—
12	(9)	6	VEERAPONG 11 M W Easterby 8-9	G Parkin (5)	—

9-4 Grand Lad, 7-2 Hong Kong Express, 5-1 Rum Lad, 6-1 Siousrouge, 10-1 Honourable Felix, Tickntima, 12-1 Divide And Rule, 14-1 others.

7.15 RIPON THORPE PREBEND TRUST APPEAL CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,738: 1m) (19)

SKY

1	(15)	5150	LUCKY BEA 10 (D,G) M W Easterby 9-1	Dale Gibson	84
2	(8)		THE GOODFELLOW N Bycroft 9-7	J Fortune	—
3	(11)	0	FORGET PARIS 10 B Rothwell 9-0	J Fanning	—
4	(2)	-103	TABRIZ 28 (D,G) J Bethell 9-0	S Drowne (3)	96
5	(18)	00-	RSIDSTAR 289 M Dods 8-13	J Carroll	—
6	(1)		BEACON HILL LADY B Ellison 8-10	N Kennedy	—
7	(16)	0-04	BOLD ENOUGH 12 (G) B Hills 8-10	R Hills	87
8	(13)	50-0	MILL END LADY 55 M W Easterby 8-10	G Parkin (5)	81
9	(7)	3250	SOCIETY GIRL 67 (F) C Thornton 8-10	D McKeown	[illegible]
10	(9)		TOTALLY YOURS M Channon 8-10	K Darley	—
11	(14)	0-05	ONE SHOT 13 (B) W Muir 8-7	Jean-Pierre Lopez	78
12	(17)	000-	PULGA CIRCO 214 B McMahon 8-6	G Carter	80
13	(10)	0-06	RICHARD HOUSE LAD 46 R Hollinshead 8-5	W Ryan	82
14	(5)	50	FIASCO 6 M Camacho 8-4	L Charnock	98
15	(12)	-000	TURBO NORTH 18 (V) M Dods 8-3	Iona Wands (7)	74
16	(6)	0	NEW REGIME 8 P Dalton 8-2	G Duffield	—
17	(4)	050-	BARONESS GOLD 275 (B) T Easterby 7-12	T Williams	72
18	(19)	-040	MY KIND 18 (B,G) N Tinkler 7-12	Kim Tinkler	80
19	(3)	000-	SHEPHERDS DEAN 184 P Haslam 7-12	P Fessey (5)	—

5-1 Tabriz, 6-1 Fiasco, 7-1 Bold Enough, 8-1 My Kind, Totally Yours, Society Girl, One Shot, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 18 winners from 38 runners, 47.4%; L Cumani, 8 from 26, 30.8%; S Bowring, 6 from 21, 28.6%; J Gosden, 12 from 47, 25.5%; B Hills, 6 from 25, 24.0%; M Channon, 6 from 25, 24.0%.

JOCKEYS: O Urbina, 3 winners from 9 rides, 33.3%; A McGlone, 5 from 22, 22.7%; W Ryan, 18 from 81, 22.2%; K Darley, 33 from 158, 20.9%; J Weaver, 16 from 82, 19.5%; R Hills, 5 from 30, 16.7%.

Blinkered first time

CARTMEL: 2.00 Lambrini. 4.30 Golden Drum. FOLKESTONE: 2.15 Mousehole. 4.15 Logie. 5.15 Young Mazaad. NEWBURY: 8.00 Mister Rm. RIPON: 7.15 Baroness Gold. 7.45 Oriole, Power Game. 9.15 Secondment.

7.45 DELOITTE & TOUCHE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,225: 6f) (21)

SKY

1	(17)	32-0	BOLLIN DOROTHY 12 T Easterby 9-7	M Birch	81
2	(9)	0-10	WILLISA 24 (F) J Bethell 9-5	J Weaver	88
3	(10)	5200	FRONTMAN 2 T Barron 9-4	S Buckley (7)	83
4	(14)	-663	HOH MAJESTIC 7 (F,G) M Wane 9-3	D McKeown	90
5	(15)	-305	BOWLERS BOY 23 J Quinn 9-1	K Darley	84
6	(20)	33-0	POWER GAME 16 (B) J Berry 9-1	J Carroll	83
7	(2)	4201	THE WAD 37 (D,F) D Nicholls 8-13	J Fortune	87
8	(7)	4250	THEATRE MAGIC 28 (B,G) S Bowring 8-11	C Teague (3)	88
9	(11)	0-00	BEE HEALTH BOY 30 (B) M W Easterby 8-10	G Parkin (5)	86
10	(21)	6330	FINISTERRE 11 J J O'Neill 8-8	K Fallon	90
11	(18)	10-0	MYSTIC TIMES 29 (CD,G) Miss J Craze 8-6	N Connorton	82
12	(13)	00-0	PRIME PARTNER 15 W Muir 8-3	R Hills	82
13	(3)	6150	HOBBS CHOICE 35 (D,S) G Moore 8-3	Dale Gibson	95
14	(16)	0-02	IVOR'S DEED 18 C Wall 8-2	G Duffield	91
15	(19)	000-	JENNY'S CHARMER 229 S Kettlewell 8-1	N Kennedy	93
16	(4)	-000	MULLAGH HILL LAD 18 (G) B McMahon 8-1	G Carter	84
17	(5)	-000	ORIOLE 6 (B,D,F) N Tinkler 8-0	—	91
18	(8)	00-0	MYSTIQUE SMILE 46 (F) S Williams 7-13	J Tate	98
19	(12)	-005	HICKLETON MISS 7 (F) Mrs V Aconley 7-11	N Carlisle	[illegible]
20	(6)	0003	NAPOLEON'S RETURN 9 (F) A Harrison 7-11	T Williams	90
21	(1)	0-06	HARRIET'S BEAU 38 M W Easterby 7-10	L Charnock	92

5-1 Hoh Majestic, 6-1 Willisa, Hickleton Miss, 7-1 Ivor's Deed, 8-1 Bollin Dorothy, The Wad, 12-1 Napoleon's Return.

8.15 AMEC CIVIL ENGINEERING HANDICAP (£3,870: 1m) (8)

SKY

1	(8)	-530	BENFLEET 42 (D,G,S) R Armstrong 5-9-12	R Hills	92
2	(5)	01-0	MOUNTGATE 18 (F,G) M Bielby 4-9-6	D McKeown	93
3	(6)	0-20	SANDMOOR CHAMBRAY 8 (F,G) T Easterby 5-9-9	M Birch	98
4	(2)	0000	SCARABEN 23 (D,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 8-8-13	J Fortune	93
5	(3)	4261	SOOTY TERN 19 (CD,F,G,S) J Bradley 9-8-13	S Drowne (3)	[illegible]
6	(4)	30-0	NINIA 9 (D,F) M Johnston 4-8-13	J Weaver	90
7	(1)	01	SINGAPORE STING 22 (D,F) H Cecil 3-8-9	W Ryan	92
8	(7)	1100	SO AMAZING 12 (D,G) J Eyre 4-8-7	K Fallon	90

9-4 Singapore Sting, 3-1 Sooty Tern, 7-2 Scaraben, 6-1 Benfleet, 10-1 others.

8.45 ST MARYGATE HANDICAP (£3,691: 2m) (10)

SKY

1	(10)	0-32	EMBRYONIC 4 (F) R Fisher 4-10-0	J Fortune	98
2	(1)	-003	SEA VICTOR 12 (V,D,F,G) J L Harris 4-9-13	W Ryan	98
3	(4)	-021	OPAQUE 12 (G) L Cumani 4-9-8	J Weaver	96
4	(2)	-600	ANGLESEY SEA VIEW 21 (D,G) A Bailey 7-9-7	D Wright (3)	91
5	(5)	/40	NIJMEGEN 10 (B,S) J Fitzgerald 8-9-4	K Fallon	—
6	(7)	0-54	JALCANTO 16 (C,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-11	S Copp (7)	96
7	(3)	-061	UNCLE DOUG 12 (D,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-8-8	K Darley	96
8	(6)	5-51	ZAMHAREER 7 (D,G) W Storey 5-8-2 (5ex)	Iona Wands (7)	98
9	(8)	-400	GALLARDINI 12 (B,S) B Rothwell 7-7-13	L Charnock	[illegible]
10	(9)	/0	KADARI 20 (V,D,G,S) W Clay 7-7-10	N Carlisle	—

3-1 Opaque, 4-1 Uncle Doug, 5-1 Embryonic, Sea Victor, Zamhareer, 6-1 others.

9.15 ST AGNESGATE MAIDEN STAKES (£4,029: 1m 2f) (17)

1	(10)	00-	BALLYSOKERRY 237 J Parkes 5-9-10	L Charnock	—
2	(11)	6	BARAQUETA 23 J Eyre 4-9-10	R Lappin	—
3	(2)	400-	FATEHALKHAIR 240 B Ellison 4-9-10	N Kennedy	—
4	(8)	0-	KARAYLAR 20J W Storey 4-9-10	J Fanning	—
5	(7)	4-4	ARCTID 11 J Gosden 3-8-10	R Hills	[illegible]
6	(17)		ARKTIKOS J Gosden 3-8-10	J Carroll	—
7	(12)		ATTALOS H Cecil 3-8-10	A McGlone	—
8	(16)		BERLIN BLUE J Watts 3-8-10	G Duffield	—
9	(15)	330-	DRAGON'S BACK 270 Mrs J Cecil 3-8-10	T Ives	68
10	(13)		IRISH SEA M Stoute 3-8-10	D McKeown	—
11	(4)	0	LEAD STORY 11 E Dunlop 3-8-10	K Fallon	73
12	(9)	00	SECONDMENT 16 (B) L Cumani 3-8-10	O Urbina	—
13	(5)	400-	SOUTH PAGODA 226 D Nicholls 3-8-10	Alex Greaves	67
14	(14)		FILLY MIGNONNE B Hills 3-8-5	G Carter	—
15	(1)	0-4	HOT DOGGING 19 Mrs P Sly 3-8-5	A Culhane	58
16	(3)	6	INGRINA 16 (BF) H Cecil 3-8-5	W Ryan	—
17	(6)		KAYF L Cumani 3-8-5	K Darley	—

2-1 Attalos, 4-1 Irish Sea, 6-1 Arctid, 7-1 Arktikos, 8-1 Filly Mignonne, Kayf, 10-1 Lead Story, 12-1 others.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Leicester

Going: good to soft

2.30 (5f 218yd) 1, KING OF THE EAST (L Dettori, 13-8 fav); 2, Red Nymph (B Thomson, 6-1); 3, Agnella (T Quinn, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Norwegian Blue (6th), 13-2 Fly Tip (4th), 50 Pleasure Time (5th). 6 ran. 2½l, 3½l, ¾l, sh hd, 2½l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £2 10; £1.60, £2 00. DF: £5.00. CSF: £10 87.

3.00 (5f 218yd) 1, BUT WHY (M Tebbutt, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Ginny Wossername (T Sprake, 3-1 jt-fav); 3, Caviar And Candy (L Newton, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Grovefair Dancer (5th), 5 Our Kevin (4th), 14 Riva La Belle (6th). 6 ran. 2½l, 2l, ½l, 3l, 1¾l. C Murray at Newmarket. Tote: £3.70; £2.00, £1 80. DF: £9.00. CSF: £12.13.

3.30 (7f 9yd) 1, ABEYR (P Robinson, 3-1); 2, Lucayan Prince (L Dettori, 9-4 fav); 3, Kuantan (T Quinn, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Golden Ace (5th), 50 Safio (4th). 5 ran. Nk, 1¼l, 4l, nk. M Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £4.00; £1.30, £2.30. DF: £4.70 CSF: £9 40.

4.00 (1m 1f 218yd) 1, SHARP CONSUL (C Rutter, 15-2); 2, Saltando (K Fallon, 9-1); 3, Runic Symbol (J Quinn, 12-1); 4, Western Sal (T Quinn, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Hawkish, 9 Classic Colours (5th), Kintwyn, 10 Great Tern, 12 Chilly Lad (6th), Studio Thirty, Teen Jay, 14 Fern's Governor, 16 Bronhallow, Morning Sir, 20 Owdbetts, 66 Sungrove's Best. 16 ran. 1¾l, ½l, 1¾l, 5l, shd. H Candy at Wantage. Tote: £9.10; £2.60, £2.00, £2.90, £2 20. DF: £59.40. Trio: £245.70. CSF: £78.70. Tricast: £777.96.

4.30 (1m 8yd) 1, REBEL COUNTY (J Stack, 10-11 fav); 2, Europbox Boy (J Tate, 25-1); 3, Trienna (A Whelan, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Most Wanted (6th), Tudor Falcon, 11 Apartments Abroad, 14 Classic Victory, Royal Rapport, 20 Silhouette (5th), 33 Below The Red Line, May King Mayhem (4th), 50 Friendly Dreams. 12 ran. 2l, 1l, nk, ½l, 7l. D Cosgrove at Newmarket. Tote: £1 70; £1.10, £3.90, £2.70 DF: £16.20. Trio: £171.00. CSF: £25.79.

5.00 (1m 3f 183yd) 1, STRATEGIC PLOY (K Fallon, 9-4 fav); 2, Compass Pointer (M Tebbutt, 12-1); 3, Ski For Gold (T Sprake, 17-2); 4, Classic Ballet (A Mackay, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Spinning Mouse (5th), 11 Samuel Scott (6th), 12 Umberston, 14 Galway Blade, Kuwam, 16 Sedbergh, 20 Ballwick, Dashing Invader, High Desire, 33 Backwoods, Contrarie, Quiet Moments, Winged Prince, 50 Chillington. 18 ran. ½l, 2l, 2½l, 1l, ½l. Mrs J Ramsden at Thirsk. Tote: £2.80; £2 00, £1.90, £2.40, £2.20. DF: £48.80. Trio: £119 40. CSF: £32.32. Tricast: £206.00.

Placepot: £124.10. Quadpot: £21.40.

Redcar

Going: good to firm

2.15 (6f) 1, REUNION (R Hills, Evens fav); 2, Falls O'Moness (D R McCabe, 11-8); 3, Taome (J Fortune, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Under Pressure (4th), 16 Northern Princess (5th), 50 Oddfellows Girl (6th). 6 ran. Nk, 1l, 2l, 12l, 6l. J Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.80. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2 75.

2.45 (6f) 1, RESPECT A SECRET (Mrs D Kettlewell, 16-1); 2, Bowcliffe Grange (Miss R Clark, 14-1); 3, Sallyoreally (Mr J Culloty, 9-2 fav); 4, Northern Clan (Mrs A Farrell, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Camionneur, 6 Taurean Fire, 7 Polli Pui, 10 Pride Of Whalley, 16 Nutcracker Suite, Polish Saga, 20 Blue Lugana (6th), Boost, Chief's Lady, 25 Harvest Reaper, Percy Park (5th), 50 Ruby Plus, 100 Florrie'm, Peace House. 18 ran. 1¾l, 3½l, ¾l, ¾l, ½l. S Kettlewell at Middleham. Tote: £33.00; £5.00, £4.70, £1.60, £5.30. DF: £380.70. Trio: £369.00 (part won: pool of £311.83 carried forward to 7.45 at Ripon today). CSF: £202.63. Tricast: £1,066 36.

3.15 (5f) 1, JUCEA (J Weaver, 11-2); 2, Portend (C Teague, 6-1); 3, Insider Trader (Claire West, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 jt-fav Ann's Pearl, Brecongill Lad, Lady Sheriff (6th), 7 Swynford Dream, 12 Maid O'Cannie, 14 Stolen Kiss (5th), 16 Shadow Jury (4th), 20 For The Present. 11 ran. NR: Calandine. ½l, ½l, ½l, 1l, ½l. J Spearing at Alcester. Tote: £7.20; £2.00, £3.40, £3.50. DF: £21 80. Trio: £83.80. CSF: £37.78. Tricast: £322 92.

3.45 (1m 1f) 1, ALABANG (L Charnock, 8-1); 2, Bold Amusement (A Culhane, 25-1); 3, Habeta (G Duffield, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Maradata, 7-2 Shaffishayes (4th), 11-2 Zahran (5th), 8 Prudent Pet, 12 Euro Sceptic, 14 Champagne N Dreams (6th), 33 Grey Kingdom, Malzoom, Mary Macblain. 12 ran. 2½l, 1¼l, 2l, 1l, 2l. M Camacho at Malton. Tote: £12.30; £3.00, £9.80, £1.60. DF: £135.80. Trio: £363.20 (part won: pool of £373 46 carried forward to 7.45 at Ripon today). CSF: £167.49. Tricast: £1,368.89.

4.15 (1m 6f 19yd) 1, FORGIE (M Birch, 4-1); 2, Pinar Closer (S Drowne, 20-1); 3, What Jim Wants (J Fanning, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Ship's Dancer (5th), 6 Washington Reef, 7 How Could-I, 9 He's Got Wings, 12 Diasafina, Manoy (4th), 14 Brighter Byfaah (6th), 33 Belacqua, 50 Village Opera. 12 ran. NR: Fortuitious, General Glow. ¾l, 3½l, hd, ¾l, 1¾l. P Calver at Ripon. Tote: £4.70; £1.10, £21.70, £2.50. DF: £108.90. Trio: £158.00. CSF: £77.73. Tricast: £786.07.

4.45 (1m 2f) 1, ALREEH (R Hills, 2-1 fav); 2, Lady of Leisure (T Ives, 4-1); 3, Salty Girl (G Carter, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Fursan (4th), 9-2 Le Khoumf (5th), 20 Highfield Pet, Roy Boy (6th), 25 Maftun, 33 Gool Lee Shay, 50 Valise. 10 ran. 1¾l, 1½l, 5l, 2½l, 1¾l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £2.20; £1.50, £1.60, £2.10. DF: £5.50. Trio: £19.20. CSF: £10.89.

5.15 (7f) 1, POETRY (P Robinson, 11-8 fav); 2, Equerry (J Weaver, 7-1); 3, The Stager (R Havlin, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 5 Miss Waterline (6th), 6 Cashmere Lady (4th), 11 Quilling (5th), 25 Call Me I'm Blue. 7 ran. 3l, nk, 1½l, nk, 6l. M Tompkins at Newmarket. Tote: £2.10; £1.70, £3.10. DF: £5 40. CSF: £11 70.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £7,300.25 carried forward to Folkestone today).

Placepot: £1,270.50. Quadpot: £432.40.

□ *Martin Pipe resumes his quest for the two victories that will take him to 2,000 winners over jumps at Uttoxeter tomorrow. "We're going to have horses in action at Uttoxeter in the afternoon and Hereford in the evening," a stable spokeswoman said yesterday.*

CARTMEL

THUNDERER

2.00 Becky Boo. 2.30 Strong Approach. 3.00 Marsh's Law. 3.30 Jonaem. 4.00 Wise Advice. 4.30 Grate Deel.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

2.00 WEATHERBYS LEASING DIRECTORY MARES ONLY NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£2,444: 2m 1f 110yd) (10 runners)

1	8502	BECKY BOO 6 D Burchell 6-11-1	D J Burchell
2	500P	LAMBRINI 44 (V) D McCain 8-11-1	D McCain
3	500P	MY MISSILE 25 R Cockburn 6-11-1	L O'Hara
4	0P06	ON THE MOVE 51 J Turner 5-11-1	W Fry
5	2252	PALACE RIVER 20 D Moffatt 8-11-1	D J Moffatt
6	4P-	QUEENS STROLLER 5F T Wall 5-11-1	R Massey (3)
7	0450	RAMPANT ROSIE 26 (B) G Richards 8-11-1	A Dobbin
8	0322	SIAN WYN 12 (BF,F) K Burke 6-11-1	R Dunwoody
9		RIVAL QUEEN 19F M Hammond 4-10-10	R Garritty
10	00	SINGING PROFIT 13 W Young 4-10-10	A Thornton

9-4 Sian Wyn, 3-1 Palace River, 4-1 Becky Boo, 9-2 Rampant Rosie, 8-1 Queens Stroller, 10-1 Rival Queen, 16-1 Lambrini, 33-1 others.

2.30 SWAN HOTEL NEWBY BRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,481: 2m 1f 110yd) (7)

1	6361	STRONG APPROACH 13 (F,S) J Charlton 11-11-10	A P McCoy
2	0151	WEAVER GEORGE 20 (D,F,G) J Hellens 6-11-2	A Dobbin
3	4025	POSITIVE ACTION 25 (D,F,G,S) M Barnes 10-10-6	R Johnson
4	24PP	RUPPLES 32 (CD,F,G) M Chapman 9-10-6	W Worthington
5	6214	PORT IN A STORM 25 (S) M Hammond 7-10-4	Mr C Bonner (5)
6	P4P4	BLAZING DAWN 2 (F,G,S) J Hubbuck 9-10-0	B Storey
7	04P3	CIRCULATION 44 (D,G,S) D McCain 10-10-0	B Harding

6-4 Strong Approach, 11-4 Weaver George, 5-1 Positive Action, Port In A Storm, 10-1 Rupples, 16-1 Blazing Dawn, 33-1 Circulation.

3.00 LADBROKE RACING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,724: 2m 1f 110yd) (6)

1	F54P	TAKE TWO 23 (CD,F,G,S) Miss M Milligan 8-11-10	R Guest
2	1052	RAINHAM 2 (BF,G,S) D McCain 9-10-11	B Harding
3	4621	FLINTLOCK 13 (D,F) H Alexander 6-10-11	R McGrath (5)
4	0561	MARSH'S LAW 11 (V,D,F,G,S) D Brennan 9-10-10	M Brennan
5	0030	CANDID LAD 2 (D,BF,F) F Storey 9-10-0	B Storey
6	-P60	RUTH'S GAMBLE 2 (V,G) Mrs L Jewell 8-10-0	R Davis

7-4 Flintlock, 7-2 Rainham, 9-2 Take Two, 11-2 Marsh's Law, Candid Lad, 14-1 Ruth's Gamble.

3.30 BARCLAYS BANK MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,388: 2m 1f 110yd) (11)

1	0P	AWESOME VENTURE 16F M Chapman 6-11-5	—
2		ESPLEY NIPPER 611F J Charlton 5-11-5	B Storey
3	P036	GRANDERISE 4 D Swindlehurst 6-11-5	Mr D Swindlehurst
4	2365	JONAEM 20 Mrs E Slack 6-11-5	F Perratt
5	0205	MULLINS 4 D Moffatt 5-11-5	D J Moffatt
6	-83P	PAPA'S BOY 311 H Johnson 5-11-5	P Carberry
7	3-00	RED BEACON 4 J Goldie 9-11-5	J Supple (3)
8	0	VENTURE FOURTH 26 Miss M Milligan 7-11-5	M Foster
9	64	WHATASHOT 13 D McCain 6-11-5	D McCain
10	5663	ZAHID 7 K Burke 5-11-5	R Dunwoody
11	P602	FAUSTNLUCE LADY 4 W Smith 7-11-0	S Taylor (7)

5-2 Zahid, 9-2 Papa's Boy, Faustnluce Lady, 6-1 Whatashot, 7-1 Jonaem, 8-1 Mullins, 10-1 Granderise, 12-1 others.

4.00 DODSON & HORRELL NOVICES CHASE (£2,987: 2m 5f 110yd) (5)

1	1F2P	WISE ADVICE 32 (F) M Hammond 6-11-8	R Garritty
2	5553	OLD MONEY 2 (G) S Kettlewell 10-11-3	R Johnson
3	4226	SHAWWELL 43 (F,G) J Charlton 9-11-3	B Storey
4	-036	WALLS COURT 25 J Bickett 9-11-3	L O'Hara
5	PPP4	WARNER FORPLEASURE 2 (V,F) D McCain 10-11-3	D McCain

6-5 Wise Advice, 7-2 Old Money, Shawwell, 5-1 Walls Court, 10-1 Warner Forpleasure.

4.30 MOORGATE RACING NOVICES HURDLE (Amateurs: £2,480: 3m 2f) (10)

1	1456	GRATE DEEL 4 (B,F) P Beaumont 6-11-13	Mrs A Farrell
2	26PP	LA FONTAINBLEAU 167 (F) D Brown 8-11-13	A Rebori (7)
3	1221	RALITSA 26 (G) M Hammond 4-11-12	C Bonner (3)
4	6040	BALLYALLIA CASTLE 11 R Fisher 7-11-7	R Hale (5)
5	0640	GOLDEN DRUM 11 (B,S) J Edwards 6-11-7	M Rimell (5)
6	P3UP	MILO BOY 32 M Chapman 5-11-7	M Mackley (7)
7	4PP0	PALM COURT 28 (S) Mrs L Williamson 8-11-7	A Dalton (7)
8	FFP0	STRETCHIT 18 (B) D McCain 6-11-7	G Lake (7)
9	0058	YOUNG KENNY 21 P Beaumont 5-11-7	R Ford (7)
10	0220	KRALINGEN 25 N Chamberlain 4-10-9	Mrs C Metcalfe (7)

6-4 Ralitsa, 5-1 Grate Deel, 6-1 Young Kenny, 8-1 La Fontainbleau, Ballyallia Castle, 10-1 Golden Drum, Milo Boy, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Burchell, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; M Barnes, 7 from 17, 41.2%; D Moffatt, 8 from 26, 30.8%; G Richards, 13 from 50, 26.0%; M Hammond, 4 from 22, 18.2%; M Chapman, 9 from 63, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: D J Burchell, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%; R Guest, 8 from 20, 40.0%; A Dobbin, 8 from 22, 36.4%; R McGrath, 3 from 9, 33.3%; D J Moffatt, 8 from 29, 27.6%; R Dunwoody, 3 from 16, 18.8%.

NEWBURY

THUNDERER

6.30 Golden Fact

7.00 Muralja

7.30 Leigh Crofter

8.00 Sue Me

8.30 Diego

9.00 CUANGO (nap)

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 7.00 KING'S THEATRE.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 9.00 Old Irish.

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND BOXFORD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,474: 5f 34yd) (7 runners)

1	(7)		BUZZBY (P Carter) A Foster 9-0	S Sanders	—
2	(4)		CATHEDRAL (Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds) B Meehan 9-0	B Doyle	—
3	(2)		DARB ALOLA (Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0	L Dettori	—
4	(5)	2	GOLDEN FACT 9 (BF) (G Teo) R Hannon 9-0	Pat Eddery	93
5	(1)		MYSTIC RIDGE (Mrs A Coughlan) D Elsworth 9-0	A Procter	—
6	(6)	2	RAVEN MASTER 21 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0	J Reid	[illegible]
7	(3)		ACCOUNTANCY LEADER (D Brennan Accountants) B Palling 8-9	T Sprake	—

BETTING: 6-4 Raven Master, 5-2 Darb Alola, 5-1 Golden Fact, 8-1 Cathedral, 10-1 Mystic Ridge, Accountancy Leader, 14-1 Buzzby.

1995: ROYAL APPLAUSE 9-0 W R Swinburn (5-2) B Hills 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

CATHEDRAL (cost 13,500gns) half-brother to 1m juvenile winner Legitimate; dam 6f juvenile winner. DARB ALOLA (foaled Apr 18) half-brother to useful juvenile Dome Friendly; dam useful 1m 2f winner. GOLDEN FACT ½l 2nd of 6 to Saunders Wren in maiden at Windsor (5f, good). MYSTIC RIDGE (cost 20,000gns, foaled Mar 31) second foal; dam 1m 2f winner. RAVEN MASTER ½l 2nd of 9 to Vasari in maiden at Chester (5f, good). Selection: GOLDEN FACT

7.00 NEWBURY 400TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,934: 1m 2f 6yd) (8 runners)

1	(6)	92201-1	NIGHT CITY 10 (C,S) (Dexam International) Lady Herries 5-9-8	Declan O'Shea	89
2	(7)	13-2042	WIJARA 8 (C,G,S) (M Salsal) R Hannon 4-9-1	R Hughes	93
3	(1)	4/130-0	FIRE ON ICE 51 (F) (Mana Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-8-13	J Reid	86
4	(2)	110-06	KI CHI SAGA 28 (G,S) (B Andersson) J Dunlop 4-8-10	T Quinn	87
5	(3)	0/30300-	KING'S THEATRE 256 (C,F,G,S) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 5-8-10	L Dettori	[illegible]
6	(5)	1/1130-0	MURAJJA 39 (D,F,G,S) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 4-8-10	Pat Eddery	92
7	(4)	3/18-5	TREMPLIN 25 (D,S) (M Tabor) N Callaghan 4-8-10	S Whitworth	90
8	(8)	004454-	DEE-LADY 182 (F) (Mrs M Taversham) W G M Turner 4-8-5	T Sprake	84

BETTING: 6-4 King's Theatre, 5-2 Wijara, 5-1 Night City, 7-1 Murajja, 8-1 Fire On Ice, 10-1 Ki Chi Saga, 12-1 others.

1995: CAPIAS 4-8-12 L Dettori (9-1) J Gosden 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

NIGHT CITY beat Major Change 3l in 13-runner handicap here (1m 1f, soft). WIJARA 2½l 2nd of 6 to Captain Horatius in listed race at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to soft). KING'S THEATRE best effort beat White Muzzle 1¼l in 12-runner group I King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot (1m 4f, good to firm). MURAJJA best effort 1¼l and neck 3rd of 5 to Penfire in listed race at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, good to firm). TREMPLIN nose and 2l 3rd of 6 to Irish Wings in listed race at Maisons-Laffitte (1m 2f, soft) penultimate start last year. Selection: WIJARA

7.30 CITY INDEX SPREAD BETTING HANDICAP (£4,185: 6f 8yd) (8 runners)

SKY

1	(6)	244186	GOLDEN POUND 11 (D,F) (A Griffin) Miss G Kelleway 4-10-0	W J O'Connor	98
2	(8)	00551-0	BAJAN ROSE 32 (D,F,G,S) (C McKenna) M Blanshard 4-9-8	R Hughes	92
3	(5)	43110-	KISS ME AGAIN 266 (D,F) (B Leleand) R Hannon 3-8-5	Dane O'Neill (3)	90
4	(1)	020403	STOPPES BROW 6 (V,D,F,G) (C Pennick) G L Moore 4-9-4	S Whitworth	98
5	(4)	000603	LEIGH CROFTER 4 (B,CD,F,G,S) (P Dimmock) P Cundell 7-8-8	D Harrison	[illegible]
6	(3)	280-206	MALIBU MAN 29 (D,G) (Church Racing Partners) E Wheeler 4-8-8	T Sprake	93
7	(2)	62020-	MANDERELLA 225 (Mrs M Wells) J Akehurst 3-8-7	L Dettori	93
8	(7)	580-060	AHJAY 13 (BF,F,G) (R Thomas) T Naughton 6-7-10	J Quinn	90

Long handicap: Ahjay 7-8.

BETTING: 9-4 Stoppes Brow, 3-1 Leigh Crofter, 9-2 Kiss Me Again, 5-1 Golden Pound, 8-1 Bajan Rose, Malibu Man, 10-1 others.

1995: OGGI 4-8-9 L Dettori (15-2) P Makin 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

GOLDEN POUND best recent effort beat Baileys First 3l in 6-runner rating related maiden at Thirsk (6f, good to firm). BAJAN ROSE beat Tinker Osmaston short-head in 20-runner handicap at Chepstow (6f, soft) final start last year. KISS ME AGAIN beat Just Ice neck in 10-runner nursery at Windsor (5f, good to firm) penultimate start last year. STOPPES BROW 3¾l 3rd of 11 to Orange Place in handicap at Goodwood (7f, good to soft). LEIGH CROFTER 3¾l 3rd of 7 to Scharnhorst in handicap at Kempton (6f, good to soft). MALIBU MAN best recent effort 5l 2nd of 16 to Lloc in handicap at Folkestone (6f, good to soft) with LEIGHT CROFTER (9lb better off) 21l 13th. Selection: GOLDEN POUND

Nap: SUE ME (8.00 Newbury)

Next best: King's Theatre (7.00 Newbury)

8.00 COOPERS & LYBRAND HANDICAP (£5,410: 7f 64yd) (14 runners)

SKY

1	(12)	6101-06	CHARLIE SILLETT 7 (D,F,S) (J Sillett) B Hills 4-10-0	M Hills	96
2	(9)	025-200	LYNTON LAD 28 (B,G) (Uplands Bloodstock) C Brooks 4-9-5	B Thomson	97
3	(2)	1200-00	MISTER RM 10 (B,D,G) (J Blowfi) R Guest 4-9-4	M Fenton	97
4	(10)	00-0006	KNOBBLEENEEZE 6 (V,D,F,G,S) (A Andrews) M Channon 6-9-1	R Hughes	97
5	(8)	04-1600	SHARP 'N SMART 18 (D,F,G) (K Burks) B Smart 4-8-12	S Sanders	98
6	(6)	0-30040	FLAG FEN 23 (G,S) (Ladyswood Racing) M Meade 5-8-8	R Havlin (5)	97
7	(11)	00-0000	SUE ME 16 (S) (Mrs H Levy) W Muir 4-8-8	W J O'Connor	91
8	(5)	0-00002	DAWALIB 6 (D,F,G) (J Brown) D Haydn Jones 6-8-8	J Reid	[illegible]
9	(4)	5040-00	ZATOPEK 46 (A Spargo) J Cullinan 4-8-7	T Quinn	96
10	(13)	200-200	DUELLO 10 (S) (H Promotions Ltd) M Blanshard 5-8-6	J Quinn	98
11	(14)	0/046-	EXPRESS ROUTING 357 (Persian War Partners) J Akehurst 4-8-4	A Clark	90
12	(3)	004-030	I RECALL 12 (V) (B Brown) P Hayward 5-8-1	M Henry (5)	97
13	(1)	200/0-50	KELLY MAC 23 (D,F,G) (Mrs V O'Brien) D O'Brien 6-7-11	G Bardwell	93
14	(7)	050-000	FASTINI GOLD 7 (G Summers) M Usher 4-7-10	N Adams	82

Long handicap: Fastini Gold 7-2.

BETTING: 7-2 Charlie Sillett, 4-1 Dawalib, 5-1 Knobbleeneeze, 10-1 Express Routing, Sharp 'n Smart, 12-1 I Recall, 14-1 others.

1995: SHEPHERD MARKET 4-8-1 G Carter (11-2) D Wilson 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHARLIE SILLETT 2¼l 6th of 13 to Montserrat in handicap at Goodwood (6f, good). LYNTON LAD best recent effort 1¾l 2nd of 21 to Cool Edge in handicap at Doncaster (1m, good to soft) with KNOBBLEENEEZE (5lb better off) 7¾l 7th. DAWALIB 2¼l 2nd of 11 to Orange Place in handicap at Goodwood (7f, good to soft) with KNOBBLEENEEZE 2¾l 6th. ZATOPEK head and ¾l 3rd of 16 to Sea Spouse in handicap at Folkestone (7f, good to soft) penultimate start. DUELLO best recent effort ½l 2nd of 12 to Scharnhorst in handicap at Leicester (7f, soft). I RECALL neck and ¾l 3rd of 12 to Golden Touch in apprentices' handicap at Newmarket (1m 1f, good to firm) with FLAG FEN (1lb better off) ¾l 4th. Selection: CHARLIE SILLETT (nap)

8.30 BASINGSTOKE CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,168: 1m 2f 6yd) (8 runners)

SKY

1	(7)	4-01116	FOREST BOY 23 (V,G,S) (Highgrove Developments) K McAuliffe 9-7	J F Egan	88
2	(4)	20-0046	HALF AN INCH 9 (B) (T Dale & C Mills) B Meehan 9-4	Pat Eddery	85
3	(2)	4-15000	DIEGO 21 (D,G) (C Britain) C Brittain 9-1	B Doyle	89
4	(1)	00-	STORM WIND 239 (J Barrett) K Burke 8-13	D Biggs	—
5	(5)	6331-20	HONORABLE ESTATE 8 (F) (R Bernard) R Hannon 8-10	Dane O'Neill (3)	[illegible]
6	(8)	300002	ASKING FOR KINGS 7 (Mrs G Smith) S Dow 8-8	T Quinn	87
7	(6)	6-00	CD SUPER TARGETING 42 (Circular Distributors) M Channon 8-8	R Hughes	85
8	(3)	300-000	SWIFT MAIDEN 9 (D Lewis) J Neville 8-8	J Reid	89

BETTING: 11-4 Forest Boy, 3-1 Half An Inch, 7-2 Asking For Kings, 5-1 Honorable Estate, 7-1 Diego, 12-1 Storm Wind, 14-1 others.

1995: LAST LAUGH 8-8 Pat Eddery (13-8 fav) R Hannon 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

FOREST BOY beat Green Gem ¾l in 5-runner handicap at Hamilton (1m 1f 36yd, soft) penultimate start. HALF AN INCH 6¾l 4th of 18 to Persian Punch in maiden section at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm) penultimate start. HONORABLE ESTATE 3½l 2nd of 12 to Lita Claire in handicap at Salisbury (1m, good to firm) penultimate start. ASKING FOR KINGS 4l 2nd of 8 to Country Lover in claimer at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to soft). SWIFT MAIDEN 5½l 9th of 18 to Leguard Express in handicap at Bath (1m, good). Selection: FOREST BOY

9.00 KENNETH ROBERTSON HANDICAP (£3,821: 1m 5f 61yd) (10 runners)

1	(1)	013-533	SECRET SERVICE 4 (F) (G Reed) C Thornton 4-9-10	Paul Eddery	[illegible]
2	(7)	1-23304	OPERA BUFF 6 (D,F,G,S) (B Trego) Miss G Kelleway 5-9-8	Dane O'Neill (3)	98
3	(6)	100-550	DONT SHOOT FAIRIES 12 (F,G) (Mrs C Miller) C Brittain 4-9-6	B Doyle	91
4	(2)	652005	JOHNS ACT 40 (CD,G,S) (J Brown) D Haydn Jones 6-8-5	J Reid	96
5	(10)	3310-43	FAHS 20 (BF,G) (City Industrial Supplies) R Akehurst 4-9-3	T Quinn	98
6	(9)	6-641	OLD IRISH 13 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-12	L Dettori	97
7	(5)	260341	CUANGO 29 (D,F,G,S) (Barouche Stud) R Hollinshead 5-8-8	F Lynch (5)	98
8	(8)	4500-00	MONTY 23 (Whiteways Racing) D Chappell 4-8-4	S Sanders	—
9	(4)	004/00	WESTERN DYNASTY 37 (CD,F,G,S) (M Kentish) E Wheeler 10-8-3	T Sprake	—
10	(3)	020-650	GRANBY BELL 10 (G) (H Watton) P Hayward 5-7-13	M Henry (5)	93

BETTING: 11-4 Fahs, 7-2 Old Irish, 5-1 Secret Service, Cuango, 6-1 Opera Buff, 12-1 Granby Bell, 14-1 others.

1995: JOHNS ACT 5-9-3 J Reid (14-1) D Haydn Jones 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

SECRET SERVICE ½l and head 3rd of 6 to Satin Lover in handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, good to soft). OPERA BUFF 4l 4th of 9 to Taipan in handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to soft). FAHS 4l and short-head 3rd of 10 to Orinoco River in handicap at Chester (1m 4f 66yd, good). OLD IRISH beat Hattaaleh ¾l in 9-runner handicap at Salisbury (1m 4f, good to firm). CUANGO beat Opaque ¾l in 20-runner handicap at Nottingham (1m 6f, good to firm). GRANBY BELL 11¾l 5th of 9 to Beffara in handicap at Salisbury (1m 6f, good). Selection: OLD IRISH

TRAINERS: P Chapple-Hyam, 35 winners from 138 runners, 25.4%; L Cumani, 14 from 58, 24.1%; Miss G Kelleway, 4 from 17, 23.5%; P Cundell, 3 from 14, 21.4%; Lady Herries, 8 from 43, 18.6%; S Dow, 3 from 29, 10.3%; M Stoute, 10 from 100, 10.0%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 38 winners from 203 rides, 18.7%; J Reid, 45 from 260, 17.3%; Pat Eddery, 42 from 254, 16.5%; R Cochrane, 20 from 160, 12.5%; D Harrison, 14 from 120, 11.7%; T Quinn, 27 from 234, 11.5%.

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Brown's horizons must not be limited by England

John Woodcock believes the categorisation of players is detrimental in the long term

Fairbrother: miscast

A trend is taking hold in English cricket that is unlikely, in the long term, to be to its advantage. Players are being prematurely labelled as either one-day specialists or Test match technicians, whereas in fact the best at one are much the most likely to be, or to become, the best at the other.

The World Cup, the blue riband of the one-day game, has always been won by countries playing their Test sides. West Indies fielded theirs when they won at Lord's in 1975 and 1979, as did India when they won there in 1983, and Australia when they won in Calcutta in 1987, and Pakistan in Melbourne in 1992, and Sri Lanka in Lahore in 1996.

England, on the other hand, seem increasingly to be categorising their up-and-coming players, almost making two separate species of them, and I am not at all sure that is wise.

An early example was the case of Neil Fairbrother. I well remember the day at Lord's in 1991 when Denis Compton opened the stands named after himself and Bill Edrich during the lunch interval of a one-day international. England were playing West Indies, who were still a considerable force, and they won because of a wonderful innings by Fairbrother. He made 113 in 107 balls and in poor light, and into the bargain he sparkled in the field.

Having seen a player after his own heart, Compton said to one of the England selectors: "Bravo, we've found a class batsman". "Ah, but only in one-day cricket," came the reply, or words to that effect. After a disappointing start to his Test career, Fairbrother had already been branded, and although the first Test match of that summer started only ten days later he was chosen neither for that nor for any of the other four. It gave him not only a reputation but also, arguably, a complex which he has never really thrown off.

The latest potential victim of this syndrome is, of course, Alistair Brown, who was presented with a task at the Oval last Thursday that would have been beyond most attacking batsmen. Hitting a bowler of Javagal Srinath's experience and ability into the open spaces, with the new ball moving about as it was then, would have tested Gilbert Jessop or Learie Constantine or Charlie Barnett, three ideal "pinch-hitters" for you, let alone a freshman feeling his way. Brown is "fresh from Natur's mould".

No doubt there is work to be done on his technique, but as he showed at Old Trafford on Monday, he really is some striker of a cricket ball. There is not much of him, but what there is is very strong; he has a good eye, and at 26 he is not too young and he is not too old. He has, what is more, a batting average of 45 from his first 65 first-class matches and that is much more likely to signify a player of consequence than a mere adventurer. If Brown has the temperament and the will to learn, and he tightens a few screws, he could become a kind of cricketing Ian Woosnam, who grew accustomed to being underestimated as a professional golfer.

In this country, Sanath Jayasuriya, Sri Lanka's pride and joy and the toast of the World Cup this year, would have been a strong candidate for being dismissed in his youth as a one-day pinch-hitter and brought out just for one-day internationals, much like Fairbrother. Yet not six weeks before rattling up 82 in 44 balls against England at Faisalabad in March, he made 48 and 112 in a Test match against Australia in Adelaide. Given the right conditions and the right encouragement and the opportunity, he can play both games, different though they may be, and so, I believe, could Brown.

After England's victory at Old Trafford on Monday, Michael Atherton said that the selectors will have "entirely different priorities in mind" when they choose their teams for the forthcoming Test matches. Matthew Maynard, another player with real flair, and Brown, despite his defiant hundred, must have felt as if they had been told that they were not scholarship material, but that when there was another Texaco one-day quiz it would be nice to have them along. If the scholarship side were themselves doing better, that might not have jarred quite as it did: even so, this idea of labelling players seems to me divisive — and not something to become understood.

Brown: misunderstood

Yorkshire secure semi-final place

Byas walks tall in crushing defeat of Surrey

By Michael Henderson

THE OVAL (Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire beat Surrey by nine wickets

YORKSHIRE walked all over Surrey yesterday and, after the way Surrey have started the season, that is quite an achievement. The man who left the biggest footprints was their captain, David Byas, who won the gold award for his first century in the Benson and Hedges Cup, and his best score in one-day cricket. On this showing, Yorkshire need fear nobody.

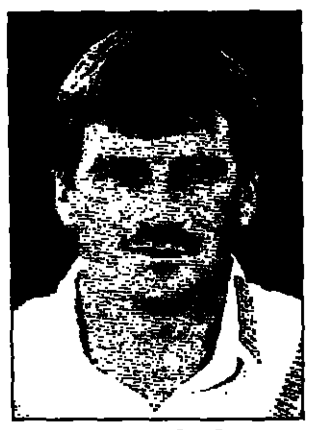
Byas, aided by Vaughan and then by Bevan, made the Surrey bowling look very ordinary and, to be frank, much of it was. By the end of a day that began under the sun and ended under lowering skies and the threat of rain, Surrey looked a rabble at times. It took Lewis all of seven minutes to bowl his sixth over, by which time the game was well and truly won and lost. Much good those deliberations did him.

Bevan, even more than Byas, is the key man in this maturing Yorkshire side. He has assumed the role of overseas player with a confidence that has clearly infected the younger members of a well-balanced team and he was at his withering best here. He took five leg-side boundaries from Benjamin's last over as though by right, illustrating the difference in class that separated the teams. There were 12.5 overs left when he swung the winning runs over mid-wicket.

Byas began the day well, winning the toss and giving his bowlers first use of a pitch that offered them some assistance. No ball misbehaved but there was something for the man who constantly landed the ball on a good length. Later, Lewis produced an absolute snorter with his first ball, to Vaughan, but neither he nor the other Surrey bowlers hit that patch often enough. The Yorkshiremen observed a better length and, no less significantly, found a tighter line.

Although Yorkshire's fielding was not flawless — Byas missed Brown at slip early on — the Surrey batsmen were in a benevolent mood. Ward and Brown drove straightforward catches, Stewart played on trying to cut a ball that was too close for the stroke to be executed safely and Hollioake was leg-before to Stemp's second ball, his bat outside the line of one that straightened.

Thorpe held the fort all too briefly and when Stemp bowled him, by pushing the ball through quicker and fuller, Surrey surrendered their last authentic batsman. Lewis contributed 32 useful runs, and there were some successful strokes from the Bicknells, but a score of 229 never looked adequate.



Byas: one-day best

Silverwood, who took three wickets, two to catches off his own bowling, once again revealed his promise.

Stewart summoned his men for a huddle when Surrey took the field and before long they were in a muddle. Byas and Vaughan did not tear into the bowling but, because so much of it was misdirected, they found boundaries at their leisure. By the time Vaughan drove Benjamin to Lewis in the gully in the fifteenth over, the openers had shared 94 runs.

The distinction of Byas's innings was his driving, particularly his straight driving. He went to 50 in 39 balls, finding the ropes eight times, the seventh a drive off the back foot through mid-on off Julian, the eighth a blistering front foot drive through mid-off. Darren Bicknell was feeling rather foolish by then, having missed a chance Byas offered when he was 15. The ball reached Bicknell at a good height and he got both hands to it so it was a bad miss.

No matter how Stewart juggled his bowlers the changes had little effect. Bevan took two strides down the pitch to Pearson, the off spinner, and singed the bowler's whiskers with a drive that bounced back from the pavilion gates. The next ball, which was not a half volley, was driven beautifully past extra cover, along the ground. It was proper batting.

When he made 93 Byas reached his heighest score in the competition and his century came from 85 balls with 16 fours. Together Byas and Bevan added 136 in 22 overs and played with a comfort that made light of their task. Surrey, who won all four of their group matches, had been routed.

☐ Sir Donald Bradman, whose greatness as a cricketer has been matched by his stubbornness in rejecting offers to do lengthy television interviews, will be the subject of a two-hour programme, *Don Bradman — 87 Not Out*, in Australia today. He will appear in a face-to-face interview with Ray Martin, having been persuaded to do so during a meeting with Kerry Packer, the owner of the Nine Network, which will broadcast the programme.

OVAL SCOREBOARD

SURREY	
D M Ward c Morris b Hartley	23
A D Brown c Vaughan b White	40
*†A J Stewart b Silverwood	2
G P Thorpe b Stemp	41
A J Hollioake lbw b Stemp	12
D J Bicknell c and b Silverwood	24
C C Lewis c Blakey b Gough	32
B P Julian c and b Silverwood	2
M P Bicknell c Blakey b White	22
R M Pearson not out	12
J E Benjamin c Byas b Gough	3
Extras (lb 7, w 5, nb 4)	16
Total (49.5 overs)	229

Score at 15 overs: 84-3

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-60, 3-84, 4-115, 5-148, 6-157, 7-166, 8-208, 9-222.

BOWLING: Gough 9.5-0-44-2; Hartley 10-2-32-1; Silverwood 10-2-41-3; White 10-0-56-2; Stemp 9-0-45-2; Morris 1-0-4-0.

YORKSHIRE	
*D Byas not out	116
M P Vaughan c Lewis b Benjamin	36
M G Bevan not out	65
Extras (lb 3, w 2, nb 8)	13
Total (1 wkt, 37.1 overs)	230

Score at 15 overs: 94-1

A McGrath, C White, †R J Blakey, A C Morris, D Gough, P J Hartley, C E W Silverwood and R D Stemp did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-94.

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 4-0-29-0; Lewis 8-0-59-0; Julian 6.1-0-31-0; Hollioake 6-0-37-0; Benjamin 10-2-53-1, Pearson 3-0-18-0

Gold Award: D Byas.

Umpires: K J Lyons and P Willey.

Thorpe departs after losing his middle stump to Stemp, the Yorkshire left-arm spinner, at the Oval yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Bailey builds on Capel's destructive start

By Simon Wilde

NORTHAMPTON (Kent won toss): Kent, with six wickets in hand, need 186 runs in 29.1 overs to beat Northamptonshire

LAST YEAR, it took Northamptonshire until July 9 to win a limited-overs match against another county; this year they seem unable to do anything else. Today they should complete their ninth win out of nine and move into the Benson and Hedges Cup semi-finals at the expense of Kent.

Their score of 293 for seven is impressive but not unbeatable on an excellent batting pitch. Kent, however, showed insufficient resolve in the 20.5 overs before the last of several interruptions brought an end to play to suggest that they can pull this match out of the fire.

What play there was saw some outstanding batting, the highlights of which were one superb "orthodox" one-day innings from the in-form Rob Bailey and two brilliant exhibitions of hitting by David Capel and Matthew Fleming.

Both were promoted to hit over the inner ring of fielders in the early stages and, in their differing ways, did so to devastating effect. When Capel was out in Northamptonshire's thirteenth over, he had scored 63 out of 76 from 45 balls, with 11 fours; when Fleming was out in Kent's sixth over — unhappy that play was continuing in drizzle — he had struck 40 out of 56 from 23 balls, with nine fours. It was breathtaking stuff.

While Fleming is carving a new career for himself out of such early-order destruction, Capel finds the term pinch-hitter offensive to his ideals of aggressive strokemaking. But in racing to a 29-ball half-century he offered one chance and took risks he would rarely contemplate in other circumstances.

He created merry havoc among Kentish ranks, with McCague pulled out of the attack after his first two overs had cost 20. He was entrusted with only five further overs. With the exception of Ealham, Kent's bowling was wayward and their out-cricket uninspired, except for one agile piece of fielding by Hooper that cost Warren his wicket.

Atuned to winning, Northamptonshire were far more focused in the field, which made Fleming's performance all the more astonishing. Taylor's first over went for 16 and Ambrose can rarely have seen two of his first five balls clipped to the boundary with such nonchalance.

One of the differences between the sides was how they batted once these hitters departed. Whereas Kent collapsed, Northamptonshire flourished, under the careful stewardship of Bailey, who had quietly dug himself in towards the end of Capel's stay. Loye was his principal partner in a stand of 87, but Montgomerie and Penberthy also lent sensible support.

There can be few better batsmen in the county game at pacing an innings than Bailey, who scarcely looked like getting out or failing to reach his century. He got there in the final over, with a flick off his legs against Fleming that sailed over the square leg boundary, and his unbeaten 105 in 129 balls will probably bring him his fourth successive gold award.

Kent's hopes all but died in the space of seven balls. In that time, Hooper carelessly chipped Penberthy to deep mid-off and, in the same over, Cowdrey was caught behind off a superb inswinger. In the next over, Llong was also the victim of a wonderful delivery, from Curran.

NORTHAMPTON SCOREBOARD

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	
D J Capel c Patel b Ealham	63
A Fordham c Marsh b Thompson	0
*R J Bailey not out	105
M B Loye lbw b Patel	43
K M Curran b Ealham	15
†R J Warren run out	0
R R Montgomerie run out	25
A L Penberthy c Cowdrey b Fleming	24
J E Emburey not out	9
Extras (lb 1, w 8)	9
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)	293

Score at 15 overs: 88-2

J P Taylor and C E L Ambrose did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-76, 3-163, 4-184, 5-185, 6-230, 7-270.

BOWLING: McCague 7-0-58-0; Thompson 6-0-38-1; Ealham 10-0-38-2; Fleming 10-0-58-1; Hooper 4-0-28-0; Patel 5-0-27-1; Cowdrey 8-0-45-0.

KENT	
T R Ward not out	31
M V Fleming b Ambrose	40
C L Hooper c Emburey b Penberthy	9
G R Cowdrey c Warren b Penberthy	0
N J Llong b Curran	0
M A Ealham not out	16
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 1, nb 4)	12
Total (4 wkts, 20.5 overs)	108

Score at 15 overs: 85-4

M J Walker, *†S A Marsh, M J McCague, M M Patel and J B D Thompson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-79, 3-79, 4-80.

BOWLING: Taylor 3-0-35-0; Ambrose 5-0-27-1; Curran 7.5-1-26-1; Penberthy 5-2-13-2

Umpires: J D Bond and G I Burgess.

Elworthy serves Lancashire well

By Ivo Tennant

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire, with seven wickets in hand, need 147 runs in 44 overs to beat Gloucestershire

THE burdensome task of replacing Wasim Akram as the Lancashire overseas player has fallen to Steven Elworthy, a South African all-rounder who, before this match, had hardly cut the mustard. Now, he excelled himself, taking four Gloucestershire wickets for 14. This Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final, however, is far from over. Needing 159 to win, Lancashire lost both openers and Austin in the gloaming.

Elworthy has been left out of the Lancashire side already this season, which would suggest that the club did not know enough about him when taking him on. In his one match against England during the winter, for Nicky Oppenheimer's XI, he did not take a wicket. His inclusion yesterday meant that there was no place for Chapple, which was hardly to the benefit of English cricket.

Yet how well Elworthy served Lancashire yesterday. Lolloping in off a short run, he maintained the ideal niggardly length. If two of his wickets were obtained through the failings of the batsmen, then that was of no consequence to him. He found a yorker to account for Wright and brought one back in to have Symonds leg-before, playing across the line. This was the one to snare.

Of his other wickets, Smith, promoted four places above Symonds in the order, was soon out slogging, and Hancock was caught behind. Coming on first change, Elworthy bowled his ten overs straight through, discounting the first of two breaks for rain and bad light. He did just enough with the ball for every batsman to treat him with respect.

The best Gloucestershire batting came at the start of the innings, when Wright put on 52 with Trainor, who was given his chance after making two half-centuries on his first-class debut. He made 25 now before Hegg held him at the wicket, commendably standing up to Austin.

Otherwise, there was a sharp throw by Austin from mid-off that ran out Davis as he made to take a sharp single, a zany contribution from Russell and some rather more intelligent batting by Ball at the end of the innings than had occurred in the middle.

It is now a question of what Walsh and Smith can do today. They bowled well enough last night, taking three wickets in the six overs that Lancashire had to endure.

SCOREBOARD

GLOUCESTERSHIRE	
A J Wright b Elworthy	26
N J Trainor c Hegg b Austin	25
A M Smith c Watkinson b Elworthy	7
R J Cunliffe b Watkinson	1
T H C Hancock c Hegg b Elworthy	6
†R C Russell c Hegg b Austin	24
A Symonds lbw b Elworthy	4
M W Alleyne c Hegg b Watkinson	0
R P Davis run out	10
M C J Ball c Hegg b Watkinson	25
*C A Walsh not out	21
Extras (w 7, nb 2)	9
Total (49.5 overs)	158

Score at 15 overs: 64-3

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-52, 3-59, 4-66, 5-69, 6-75, 7-82, 8-98, 9-119

BOWLING: Austin 10-0-41-2, Martin 10-3-49-0; Elworthy 10-4-14-4; Watkinson 9.5-0-33-3; Yates 7-1-21-0

LANCASHIRE	
M A Atherton c Russell b Walsh	3
*M Watkinson c Cunliffe b Smith	4
I D Austin c Ball b Smith	2
N J Speak not out	0
J P Crawley not out	0
Extras (w 1, nb 2)	3
Total (3 wkts, 6 overs)	12

Score at 15 overs: 0-0

N H Fairbrother, G D Lloyd, †W K Hegg, S Elworthy, P J Martin and G Yates to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-12, 3-12

BOWLING: Walsh 3-1-9-1; Smith 3-1-3-2.

Umpires: B Dudleston and V A Holder.

Recalcitrant Sidhu refuses to budge

By Pat Gibson

CHELMSFORD (first day of three, the Indians won toss): Essex, with all their first-innings wickets in hand, are 319 runs behind India

IF THE Indians are worried about the perfunctory "retirement" of Navjot Singh Sidhu, their foremost opening batsman, it did not show in the way they batted yesterday. It was as though nobody had told them that the one-day internationals are over and it is time to turn their thoughts towards the Test series.

Vikram Rathore, who will have to learn that first-class hundreds are not to be sneered at, and Sachin Tendulkar, who should already know, both threw their wickets away when centuries were there for the taking before an accomplished 51 by the emerging Saurav Ganguly took them to a declaration at 320 for 8.

The Sidhu affair occupied the Indian management for most of the day and well into the evening. He stayed at the team hotel, where all attempts to persuade him to reverse his decision to quit the tour, because he feels he has been made a scapegoat too many times, apparently came to nothing.

The upshot was a late night telephone link-up between Sidhu, the tour manager, Chinappa Nagaraj, the cricket manager, Sandeep Patil, and the Indian board president, Inder Singh Bindra in Chandigarh. Sidhu, however, already appeared to have had the last word when he said: "My decision to retire from international cricket is not irrevocable; my decision to leave the tour is."

Meanwhile, the Indians were sending for a reinforcement — not for the batting but the bowling. Disappointed with the form of their young seamer, Paras Mhambrey, they have called up Salil Ankola, 28, who played one Test against Pakistan in 1989.

Essex helped to give the Indians a lift by resting Ilott and Williams as well as Gooch and they lost Andrew after seven overs with a shoulder strain. His first six balls had been enough to dispose of Jadeja, presumably Sidhu's replacement, but Rathore continued to find easy pickings against county bowlers.

He lost Manjrekar, bowled round his legs sweeping at Childs's first ball. Rathore, however, carried on to hit four sixes and six fours in his 95 before he holed out at long-off and Tendulkar had struck five sixes and five fours in 74 when he skyed to mid-on. It was left to Ganguly to provide a sense of decorum until Irani, one Essex player with plenty of incentive, hastened the declaration with three wickets for one run in seven balls.

SCOREBOARD

INDIANS: First Innings	
A D Jadeja c Rollins b Andrew	7
V Rathore c Such b Childs	95
S V Manjrekar b Childs	32
*S R Tendulkar c Such b Law	74
†R Dravid b Irani	17
S Ganguly c Prichard b Irani	51
S Joshi lbw b Irani	22
B K V Prasad not out	6
P Mhambrey c Law b Irani	1
S L V Raju not out	1
Extras (lb 5, w 3, nb 6)	14
Total (8 wkts dec)	320

N D Hirwani did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-99, 3-146, 4-210, 5-252, 6-312, 7-313, 8-319.

BOWLING: Cowan 17-3-57-0; Andrew 7-1-15-1; Irani 15-3-37-4, Such 17-1-75-0; Law 9-2-26-1, Childs 18-3-72-2; Grayson 4-0-33-0.

ESSEX: First Innings	
D D J Robinson not out	1
A P Grayson not out	0
Total (no wkt)	1

N Hussain, S G Law, *P J Prichard, R C Irani, †R J Rollins, P M Such, S J W Andrew, A P Cowan and J H Childs to bat.

BOWLING: B K V Prasad 0.5-0-1-0

Umpires: D R Shepherd and H D Bird.

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McCarthy hands errant Keane six-match ban

By Peter Ball

TESTS are coming thick and fast for Mick McCarthy, the Ireland manager, and his team. Yesterday, McCarthy banned Roy Keane, his errant midfield player, for six matches and stripped him of the captaincy after Keane failed to report to the squad at the weekend. This evening Ireland face Portugal at Lansdowne Road, still searching for their first win under McCarthy's charge.

The decision to ban Keane, who spent yesterday at Old Trafford watching Lancashire's Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final between the showers, after returning late from holiday, smacked of firm government, but the player's failure to contact McCarthy left the manager with little alternative. Keane subsequently contacted McCarthy yesterday lunchtime, and is expected to fly to Dublin today for a meeting with the manager. McCarthy left the door ajar for a *rapprochement*.

"Roy telephoned me at lunchtime," McCarthy said yesterday before going off to a charity function. "I spoke to him, and I won't say anything more until I speak to him tomorrow."

There were suggestions that, if Keane apologises or offers a convincing explanation, he may be reinstated for the games against Croatia on Sunday and Holland on Tuesday, although taking him to the United States is apparently not on the cards. Even so, the players will undoubtedly watch McCarthy's decision with interest, for it is a formidable test of his authority, and his judgment so early in his career.

It is, however, not unknown for Ireland internationals to go missing and be welcomed back into the fold; Jack Charlton forgave Paul McGrath's transgressions more than once, but McGrath's behaviour on the field gave his manager no problems.

Keane was sent off in McCarthy's first match in charge, against Russia two months ago, and his other disciplinary problems have been well documented. In the circumstances, McCarthy's faith in making him captain for the three-match tour of the United States has been badly repaid.

"It is a decision I wish I didn't have to make," McCarthy said. "I wish he was here, but he isn't and I've had to pay respect to 20 or so other players who have gone out and worked their socks off to show they want to play for Ireland. I'm not suggesting Roy doesn't want to play for us, but no matter what happens now, he will not be going to America.

"I won't discuss Roy as an individual, only the squad in general — and I've got to be fair. I want the kind of commitment from him that other players have shown."

If it stands, the ban would allow Keane back in the squad for the start of the World Cup campaign against Liechtenstein in August. McCarthy would clearly have wanted him for the three games in the next seven days, when the quality of the opposition means the search for a first win will be difficult.

Today against Portugal, McCarthy is without McGrath, who is injured, as well as Babb, Irwin and Gary Kelly. Kernaghan, who is taking Keane's place on the trip to the United States, forms the three-man central defence with Kenny Cunningham and Jeff Kenna. There are two new caps in the side; Curtis Fleming starts at wing-back, and Gareth Farrelly in Keane's position in central midfield.

Most significant, however, is the inclusion of Watford's David Connolly, who impressed when he came on as substitute and scored in McCarthy's testimonial against Celtic last Sunday and may prove the solution to Ireland's critical lack of a striker.

Keane's ban means he will not be selected to play for Ireland again until August

How Illingworth mismanaged drama into crisis

MIDWEEK VIEW

SIMON BARNES

No one but a blockhead ever wrote a line for anything except money. So said Dr Johnson, and so, no doubt, say all the sporting people whose stories appear between stiff covers, their words transmitted via a spectral legion of ghosts clanking the chains of literary enslavement.

But, with most ghosted books, money is only half the motive. The other half is the joy of getting your own back. (Incidentally, these two items are more formallly known as "looking after my family" and "setting the record straight". Ian Botham looked after his family so well with his latest autobiography that he became a tax exile).

Raymond Illingworth is the most recent sporting figure to find trouble with literature. *One Man Committee* has come out, nicely timed to catch the wave of controversy. Publishing people think of these things, especially when they are selling the serial rights to newspapers.

Much of the lucrative rancour has centred on Illingworth's determination to get his own back on Devon Malcolm. But it is said that his revelation of the secrets of selection meetings might provide the best leverage for his enemies.

Illingworth is not bound by the vow of *omerta*, like his cricketers, who must, by contract, pass their ghosted offerings to the censors of the Test and County Cricket Board. *But I can tell you from* personal experience that the TCCB is very touchy about the whole subject of meetings.

I fell foul of TCCB censorship when involved in my first and last joint project, *Phil Edmonds: A Singular Man* (not a plug, it's long out of print). I was a biographer, not a ghost, not so much out of principle as egomania, an area in which I can give even Edmonds a game.

The book benefited from the sulphurous interjections of Edmonds's wife, the great Frances (who once said of Ian Botham that she had been brought up to distrust anyone whose bodyweight in kilos was numerically superior to his IQ), from an interview with Edmonds's former headmaster, who sacked him as school cricket captain, and especially from an interview with Edmonds's old adversary, Mike Brearley.

One of the TCCB's many objections to the book was Edmonds's dismissive comment on team meetings: "'I call them rah-rah meetings,' Edmonds said."

"You can't have this," the TCCB said. "It is disrepectful of team meetings."

So I changed a single word. I changed "Edmonds" to "Frances" — who, of course, had signed no contract with the TCCB.

However, this option was unavailable to Illingworth, who must stand by his words, or at least by those of his ghost. All that remains to be seen is whether or not Illingworth's words will give quite enough *ammunition to those* who wish to get rid of him.

Can you be sacked for a pigheaded, boorish, altogether odious insistence on having the last word? That is what the Malcolm issue is all about.

There is, of course, the second and earlier crime: Illingworth's failure to recognise that the Malcolm issue is one of botched man-management: in fact, a failure to understand that a talented individual can also be a problematic one.

There is also the crime of making a quick buck. Prime ministers sell their diaries after they have left office, or office has left them. To sell your memoirs while *still governing the* country is not considered to be cricket. In cricket, apparently, it is otherwise.

To sum up: Illingworth stands accused of being a greedy pig, an inept man-manager and a vindictive swine. *Whether these* are sackable offences or not, the TCCB will *decide, but, of course, the* matter is about personalities, politics and backstairs intrigue rather than sport, let alone morality.

The one defence that can be permitted is that of literary merit, as in the case of *Lady Chatterley's Lover*. In short, is Illy's book something you would wish your *wife or your servants to read?*

We have thus far only the chunks serialised in the *Daily Express* from which to judge. As a mildly salacious peep behind the arras, and a gloss on recent history, the thing has its moments. But, Lord, you get tired of the incessant twanging of self-justification. After a *while it all becomes quite* massively depressing.

Above all, the work suffers from a huge error in perspective. Perhaps that is the greatest crime to be laid at Illingworth's door: neither cricket nor Illingworth is even half as important as Illingworth *thinks*. It doesn't make for good art; it *doesn't make for good management* either.

Germany's build-up continues in Belfast

GERMANY'S preparations for Euro 96 continue in Belfast *tonight* when they play Northern Ireland at Windsor Park (*Russell* Kempson writes). On closer examination of their records, Berti Vogts, the Germany manager, might have chosen alternative opponents.

Though underdogs this evening, Northern Ireland are unbeaten against Germany in three matches. They drew 1-1 in Bremen in 1992 and won both European championship qualifying matches 1-0 during the 1982-83 season.

Denmark and Romania announced their Euro 96 squads yesterday, with Denmark including Marc Rieper, of West Ham United, and Claus Thomsen, of Ipswich Town.

DENMARK: P Schmeichel (Manchester United), L Hoegh (Odense), M Krogh (Brondby), J Hoegh (Fenerbahce), M Rieper (West Ham United), J Risager (Brondby), J Laursen (Lyngby), T Helveg (Udinese), T Piechnik (Aarhus), L Olsen (Brondby), M Schjonberg (Odense), A Nielsen (Brondby), B Steen Nielsen (Odense), K Vilfort (Brondby), C Thomsen (Ipswich Town), M Laudrup (Real Madrid), H Larsen (Silkeborg), S Tofting (Aarhus), B Laudrup (Rangers), M Beck (Fortuna Cologne), E B Andersen (Rangers), S Andersen (Aalborg)

ROMANIA: B Stelea (Steaua Bucharest), F Prunea (Dinamo Bucharest), F Tene (Rapid Bucharest), D Petrescu (Chelsea), M Belodedici (Villareal), D Prodan (Steaua Bucharest), G Mihali (Guingamp), T Selymes (Cercle Bruges), A Dobos (Steaua Bucharest), I Filipescu (Steaua Bucharest), O Sabau (Brescia), G Hagi (Barcelona), I Lupescu (Bayer Leverkusen), G Popescu (Barcelona), C Gilca (Steaua Bucharest), D Munteanu (Cologne), O Stinga (Salamanca), A Ilie (Steaua Bucharest), M Lacatus (Steaua Bucharest), F Raduciolu (Espanol), V Moldovan (Neuchatel Xamax), I Vladoiu (Steaua Bucharest)

Goram given chance to impress

From Kevin McCarra
in Miami

ANDY GORAM'S last appearance for Scotland may be a distant memory, but the *goalkeeper has remained in* the forefront of his country's thoughts. In the match against Colombia here tonight, he starts his first international for 17 months and could secure his position in the team for the European championship finals.

His ability has never been doubted and it is the assortment of reasons for his absences that are exasperating. While Goram cannot be blamed for his injuries, his decision to withdraw from the squad last summer because he was not "mentally attuned" saw his commitment to Scotland questioned.

It is, however, easy to forgive the talented. The Scotland goalkeeping coach, Alan Hodgkinson, claims that Goram is one of the best in Europe. Even Jim Leighton, who has occupied the position in the last dozen games, once said: "Andy does more things right than any goalkeeper I have seen."

Goram, five years the younger, grew up in the era of specialised training for goalkeepers and his technique is flawless. *Discipline* has, though, been less conspicuous in an occasionally boisterous private life. There is also concern over the ease with which he puts on weight and the effect it has on knees that have required surgery.

Leighton, on the other hand, has, at 37, a honed body and a reputation for diligence. His performances since succeeding Goram may have been the greatest factor in ensuring Scotland's progress in the qualifiers.

However, after defeats in the last two matches, Craig Brown, whose continuation as Scotland manager for the World Cup qualifiers will be confirmed next week, is more conscious than ever of the need to pick his best defence and has said that he *already knows which goal*keeper will play in England next month. If Goram, who had a thigh injury last week, can demonstrate at the Orange Bowl tonight that he is fit, in form and eager to play, the job could be his.

Scotland's opponents will use the game as preparation for their World Cup qualifier against Peru on Sunday. Faustino Asprilla, Freddy Rincon and Carlos Valderrama are all expected to start the match, before Miami's substantial Colombian community.

Goram may receive greater protection than Leighton enjoyed in the 2-1 defeat by the United States on Sunday. The defence has been rejigged, with Whyte dropped and Boyd at centre back. Gary McAllister and *John Collins return.*

SCOTLAND (3-5-2): A Goram (Rangers) — C Calderwood (Tottenham Hotspur), C Hendry (Blackburn Rovers), T Boyd (Celtic) — C Burley (Chelsea), S McCall (Rangers), G McAllister (Leeds United), J Collins (Celtic), T McKinlay (Celtic) — G Durie (Rangers), S Booth (Aberdeen)

COLOMBIA (4-4-2): F Mondragon (Independiente) — A Estrada (Cali), J Bermudez (America), A Mendoza (Junior), A Moreno (Tolima) — L Alvarez (Dallas Burn), M Serna (Nacional), C *Valderrama (Tampa Bay Mutiny)*, F Rincon (Real Madrid) — I Valenciano (Junior), F Asprilla (Newcastle United).

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

This is a hand from the semi-final of the 1995 Gold Cup, featuring elementary uses of entries. How should South set about Four Hearts on the lead of the king of clubs?

Dealer East **East-West game** **IMPs**

♠106
♥Q96
♦843
♣AJ943

♠J843
♥82
♦A5
♣KQ1076

N
W E
S

♠AKQ5
♥75
♦Q762
♣852

♠972
♥AKJ1043
♦KJ109
♣-

Contract: Four Hearts by South. Lead: king of clubs

The declarer *for the winning* team took a club ruff at trick two, and played ace and jack of hearts, overtaking with the queen. Now he took a diamond finesse, but as he only had one more entry to the dummy, despite the favourable position of the queen, he had to lose another diamond trick.

Ratcliff for the Welsh team took a diamond finesse at trick two, and subsequently entered dummy twice in trumps to take two more finesses. Not difficult really.

The first declarer could have *improved on his play* after ruffing the club by playing the jack of hearts to the queen and taking the diamond finesse. Later he can play a low heart to the nine and take another diamond finesse. With trumps 2-2 (or if East had had three trumps), he could then have ruffed his fourth diamond.

☐ *At the EBU's Spring Bank* Holiday Congress the Championship Pairs winners were Peter Goodman (Wales) and Mike Pownall (Dorset). The Swiss teams was won by Nigel Freake, Matthew Bingham, Paul Fegarty and Anne Catchpole, all from London.

☐ For details of The Times Midland Private Banking *National Bridge challenge*, contact the event organisers on 0181-942 9506 or write to: Britannic Building, Beverley Way, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 4PH or fax to: 0181-942 9569.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SIDDHA
a. The Himalayan cedar
b. Apprenticeship to a guru
c. A saint

WEBSTERITE
a. A student of spiders
b. An intrusive rock
c. An ultra Puritan

STRANDLOOPER
a. A beachcomber
c. A links golf course
d. A native South African

TAMIZDAT
a. Opposite of samizdat
b. White magic
c. An Uzbek whirling dervish

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Kasparov crushed

World champion Garry Kasparov suffered a severe setback in round six of the Seville tournament, when he was annihilated as White in 35 *moves. His vanquisher* was the young Russian grandmaster Vladimir Kramnik, who triumphed with spectacular sacrifices that hounded Kasparov's king from one extreme of the board to the other. This defeat is possibly the most stunning that Kasparov has suffered with the normally advantageous White pieces.

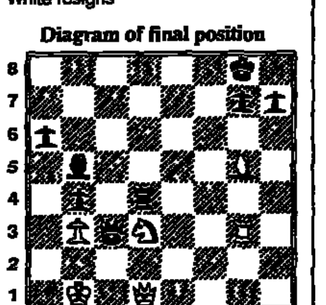
White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Vladimir Kramnik
Seville, May 1996

Semi-Slav Defence

1	d4	d5
2	c4	c6
3	Nc3	Nf6
4	Nf3	e6
5	e3	Nbd7
6	Bd3	dxc4
7	Bxc4	b5
8	Bd3	Bb7
9	0-0	a6
10	e4	c5
11	d5	c4
12	Bc2	Qc7
13	Nd4	Nc5
14	b4	cxb3
15	axb3	b4
16	Na4	Ncxe4
17	Bxe4	Nxe4
18	dxe6	Bd6
19	exf7+	Qxf7
20	f3	Qh5
21	g3	0-0
22	fxe4	Qh3
23	Nf3	Bxg3
24	Nc5	Rxf3
25	Rxf3	Qxh2+
26	Kf1	Bc6
27	Bg5	Bb5+
28	Nd3	Re8
29	Ra2	Qh1+
30	Ke2	Rxe4+
31	Kd2	Qg2+
32	Kc1	Qxa2
33	Rxg3	Qa1+
34	Kc2	Qc3+
35	Kb1	Rd4

White resigns

Diagram of final position



Kasparov may have confused his opening systems. On move 17, when he played 17 Bxe4, an earlier *game Yakovich v Sorokin*, Calcutta 1991 had seen 17 dxe6, when both sides have chances. By the time that Kramnik played 20 ... Qh5 in this game storm clouds were already gathering over the white king. The subsequent cascade of sacrifices was inevitable after Black's concentration of force against the white king. Instead of 27 Bg5, Kasparov could have tried 27 Qd3, hoping for 27 ... Bb5, 28 Qxb5 axb5, 29 Rxa8+ turning the tables. *However, after 27 Qd3,* Black can deliver mate in two by 27 ... Qh1+, 28 Ke2 Qe1 mate.

RESULTS: Kasparov lost to Kramnik; Illescas drew with Ivanchuk; Anand drew with Polgar; Shirov bt Gelfand; Kamsky lost to Topalov.

LEADING SCORES (after six rounds): Topalov 4½; Anand, Kramnik 4; *Kasparov, Gelfand, Illescas 3; Kamsky* 2½.

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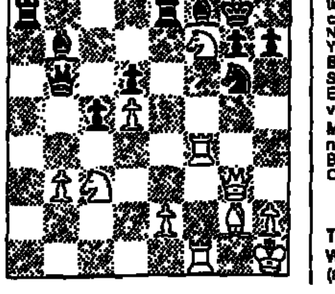
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Karpov — Salov, Linares 1993. Here the *FIDE World Champion* Anatoly Karpov spotted a *clever way to capitalise on his* powerful kingside pressure. What did he play?



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FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

WORLD LEAGUE (WLAF): London Monarchs 16 *Amsterdam Admirals 13.*

ATHLETICS

BEDFORD: AAA combined events championships: Men: 200m: 1, P White (Leicestershire) 20.79sec (Olympic qualifying standard) 800m: 1, D Donkin (Humberside) 1:52.31. Mile: 1, J Mayock (Yorkshire) 4:12.92. 5,000m: 1, P Freary (Lancashire) *14 03.29. 400m hurdles: 1, P* Crampton (Yorkshire) 50 14sec. High jump: 1, C Bent (Yorkshire) 2.10m. Pole vault: 1, P Williamson (Humberside) 5.20m. Long jump: 1, D Ritchie (East Scotland) 7.51m. Triple jump: 1, J Golley (Middlesex) 16.18m. Discus: 1, G Smith (Warwickshire) 58 74m (championship record). Hammer: 1, D Smith (Humberside) 75.10m (Olympic qualifying standard and championship record). 3km walk: 1, A Penn (Warwickshire) *12min* 13.26sec. Teams: Achilles Trophy: 1, Yorkshire 84pts; 2, Essex 70.5; 3, Middlesex *68. Middlesex/Surrey* Trophy: 1, Leicestershire 45; 2, East Scotland 37, 3, Humberside 35 Rockingham Trophy: 1, Northern Ireland 35; 2, Suffolk 16; 3, Merseyside *15.5* Women: 100m: 1, K Merry (Warwickshire) 11 70sec. 400m: 1, L Staines (Hampshire) 53.57. 1,500m: 1, L *McDougall (West Scotland) 4min 21.85sec* 400m hurdles: Equal 1, L Fraser (Greater Manchester) and V Jamison (N Ire) 58.10sec. High jump: 1, S Jones (Greater Manchester) 1 83m (championship record). Pole vault: 1, C Ridgley (Hampshire) 3.50m (championship record). Shot: 1, M Augee *(Kent) 16 02m (championship record).* Discus: 1, T Axten (Middlesex) 53.58m. Hammer: 1, E Augee (Kent) 49.48m. Javelin: 1, S Gibson (Nottinghamshire) 56.16m (championship record) 3km walk: 1, V Lupton (Yorkshire) 13min 6.27sec. Teams: 1, Yorkshire 100; 2, Kent 61; 3, *Surrey 59.*

HENGELO: IAAF grand prix meeting: Men: 100m: 1, V Henderson (US) 10 11sec. *200m: 1, T Douglas (Bermi) 20.50. 1,500m:* 1, D Baumann (Ger) 3min 40.52sec. 3,000m: 1, H Gebrselassie (Eth) 7:34.66. 3,000m steeplechase: 1, E Khattabi (Mor) 8:19 10 110m hurdles: 1, F Schwarthoff (Ger) 13.32sec. High jump: 1, S Smith (GB) 2.30m. Discus: 1, J Schult (Ger) *64.48m.*

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Oakland 3 Boston 10; Toronto 5 Chicago 4, Kansas City 5 *Detroit 4 (13 inns); Texas 3 Cleveland 2;* California 5 New York 16.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh 3 Houston 5; St Louis 2 Colorado 5; Chicago 1 Atlanta 9; Florida 6 Cincinnati 2; Montreal 3 San Diego 4.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Final: Eastern Conference: Orlando 101 Chicago 106 (Chicago wins best-of-seven series 4-0 to reach NBA final).

PERTH, Australia: Men's International: *Australia 92 Lithuania 65*

BOWLS

BATH: Open tournament: Men: Singles: Third round: G Colebrooke bt J Squires 21-4; *R Turvey bt H Lonmer 21-10;* P Ellison bt J Naish 21-3; D Parslow bt N Grenfell 21-17; J Bale bt G Moores 21-12; G Jones bt D Alford 21-17; D Southcombe bt M Michell 21-6; A Colebrooke bt J Bennett 21-10; P Provis bt B Smith 21-13; M Gill bt J Shirley 21-14; R Tarrant bt J Mayell 21-19; C Peters bt J Cooke 21-9. A Taylor bt C Keedwell 21-18; J Riedale bt *M* Litherland 21-6; G Tamblett bt A Shaw 21-20; R Francis bt J *Witherow 21-10.*

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Milton Keynes: Northamptonshire 180 (J G Hughes 53no; A Walker 4-25). Durham 74-2. Chesterfield: Derbyshire 289-9 (M E Cassar 125) v Nottinghamshire. Harrogate: Yorkshire 164-4 v Kent. Swansea: *Lancashire 315-9* dec (P C McKeown 153, M Wood 72). Glamorgan 26-1.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (*second day of two*): Budleigh Salterton: Dorset 295-7 dec (M Swarbrick 98, J J E Hardy 75, J Cassell 73) Devon 299-4 (N A Folland 108, G T J Townsend 56). Devon bt Dorset by six wickets. Sleaford: Bedfordshire 201-5 dec and 269-4 dec (W Larkins 124, D R Clarke 78). Lincolnshire 213-7 dec *and 243-8 (S G Plumb 69, M A Fell 57)* Lincolnshire drew with Bedfordshire. Jesmond: Hertfordshire 220-7 dec (M C G Wright 55) and 76-1. Northumberland 225-2 dec (T W Adcock 133no, G R Morris 53no) Northumberland drew with Hertfordshire. Bridgnorth: Herefordshire 241-5 dec and *130-6 dec. Shropshire 19-2 dec and 278-7* (A N Johnson 71, Asif Din 62, I R Payne 61no). *Shropshire drew with Herefordshire*

THE PARKS (50-over match): Oxford University 321-8 (J Batty 156, M Jarrett 82); Wiltshire 228-6 (R Wade 71, N Stoddard 68). Oxford University won by 93 runs.

CYCLING

MANCHESTER: BCF National Track Championships: Men: Gold: Obree 4:26.293 bt Hayles 4:34.299. Bronze: *Wallace 4:36.066 bt Miller 4:39.225* Women's 3,000m pursuit: Final: Y McGregor (N Wirral Velo) 3:36.897 caught M Johnson (Oundle Velo) Bronze: V Filsell (VC Londres) 3:53.319 bt Z Anderson (Paisley RT) 3:56.304.

FOOTBALL

TOULON: Under-21 tournament: Pool A: Colombia 1 Holland 0 (at Mallemort); *Russia 3 Argentina 3 (at Sainte-Maxime).*

HOCKEY

PRAGUE: European club championship B Division: Men: Teddington 6, Swansea 0; Kennington 1, Grammarians, Gibraltar 3. Final: Grammarians (Gibraltar) 1 SKA Samara (Russ) 3. Third place: Teddington 2 Pembroke Wanderers (Ire) 2 (Teddington won 5-4 on penalty strokes). Play-offs: Swansea 1 Slavia Praha (Cz) 1 (Slavia won 2-1 on penalty strokes); Espoo (Fin) 0 Grange (Scot) 1. Women: Final: Amiens (Fr) 0 Donchanka (Russ) 3. Third place: Locomotiva (Slovakia) 0 Ritm (Belo) 1. Play-offs: Swansea 3 Slavizaprahe 3 (Swansea won 8-7 on penalty strokes); Auskoprut (Ukr) 3 Royal Leopold (Bel) 1

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Play-offs: Final: Western Conference: Detroit 5 Colorado 2 (Colorado leads best-*of-seven series 3-2).*

MOTOR SPORT

OULTON PARK: Auto Trader RAC touring car championship: Round nine: 1, J *Winkelhock (Ger, BMW) 20min 42.90sec* (88.41mph); 2, F Biela (Ger, Audi) +4.95sec; 3, J Bintcliffe (GB, Audi) +5.57; 4, R Rydell (Swe, Volvo) +6.23; 5, A Menu (Switz, Renault) +6.75; 6, K Burt (GB, Volvo) +7.22; 7, R Ravaglia (It, BMW) +7.61, 8, D Leslie (GB, Honda) +9 44; 9, R *Kaye (GB, Vauxhall) +15.78. Round ten:* 1, Rydell, 27: 35.89 (96 53mph); 2, Biela, +5.98sec; 3, Bintcliffe, 9.22; 4, Menu, +9.37, 5, Ravaglia, 9.70; 6, W Hoy (GB, Renault) +10.13; 7, Leslie, +10.43; 8, T Harvey (GB, Peugeot) 11.64; 9, J Cleland (GB, Vauxhall) +12.20.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: St Helens 62 Castleford 24

SQUASH

PETALING JAYA, Malaysia: World Cup: Mixed team competition: Pool A: Australia 3 Hong Kong 0; Germany 3 Singapore 0. *Pool B: England 3 Holland 0* (England names first: M Chaloner bt L Buit 9-3, 9-2, 9-6; M Cairns bt P Scheerder 9-0, 9-0, 9-3; S *Horner bt V Atkinson 9-7, 9-3, 9-5); Finland* 2 Malaysia 1. Pool C: South Africa 3 New Zealand 0; Sweden 2 Brazil 1. Pool D: Canada 2, Wales 1 (Wales names first: G Ryding lost to D Evans 0-9, 8-10, 9-3, 6-9; J Crombie bt M Benjamin 9-6, 9-2, 9-2; K Souchereau bt K Hogan 9-1, 9-2, 2-9, 9-5); *Egypt 3 Italy 0.*

RUGBY UNION

Tour match

Wanganui	*13*	*Scotland XV*	*49*

Wanganui: Tries: Gutshell, Renata. Pen: Nahona. Scotland: Tries: Cronin, Joiner, *Nicol, Peters, Stark (2), Walton. Cons: Lang* 4. Pens: Lang (2).

(at Wanganui)

SWIMMING

SHEFFIELD: British Grand Prix Super Final: Men: 400m freestyle: 1, G Hudson (Portsmouth Northsea) 4min 01.77sec; 2, S Mellor (Birmingham) 4:01.81; 3 G Meadows (Leeds) 4:03.27. 100m backstroke: 1, M Harris (Tower Hamlets) 56.47sec; 2, A O'Connor (Ire) 57.56 (Irish record); 3, H *O'Connor (Ire) 58.99.* Women: 400m freestyle: 1, S Hardcastle (Bracknell) 4min 14.70sec; 2, S Cam (Bel) 4:18.19; 3, S Collins (Bradford) 4:18.30. 50m backstroke: 1, K Osher (Ealing) 30 49sec; 2, S Price (Barnet Copthall) 30.75; 3, H Slatter (Warrington Warriors) 30.94.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tetley's challenge series
11.0, second day of three
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Indians

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of three: Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire; Swansea: Glamorgan v Lancashire; Campbell Park, Milton Keynes: Northamptonshire v Durham, Harrogate: Yorkshire v Kent. Second day of three: Bournemouth Sports Club: Hampshire v *Somerset; Southgate CC: Middlesex* v Essex; Stratford-upon-Avon: Warwickshire v Sussex.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (*final day of two*): Beaconsfield: Buckinghamshire v Suffolk; Carlisle: Cumberland v Herefordshire

RUGBY UNION

Tour match
Western Australia v Wales
(at Perth, 11 30am)

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7 30

International matches
Northern Ireland v Germany
(at Windsor Park, Belfast)
Ireland v Portugal
(at Lansdowne Road, Dublin)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Super League
Wigan v Sheffield (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

HOCKEY: Women's International: Great Britain v Australia (at Reading, 7.0)

GOLF: Lagonda Trophy (at Gog Magog GC, Cambridge): Junior tour (Pyrford).

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Poole v Scottish *Monarchs* (7.30). Speedway Star Cup: Second round, first leg: Long Eaton v Hull (7.30).

From today, try finding extra time for your children.

NSPCC children's day

American's brave comeback attempt cut short at scene of former glory

French fervour fails to fire Capriati

FROM DAVID MILLER IN PARIS

YOU could not tell whether Jennifer Capriati was near to tears when she lost to Jing-Qing Yi, an unknown Chinese, but I know that I was. Capriati's tale is one of the most poignant in sport.

Yesterday, returning to the French championships where, in 1990, at the age of 14½ she had become the youngest Grand Slam semi-finalist, she vainly tried to piece together her latest comeback. Yi, who had never seen a game of tennis when instructed to take up the game by her school in Nanjing at the age of eight, defeated her 6-3, 7-5.

That was little different from when Capriati's proprietorial father, Stefano, launched his infant daughter with a racket, aged only three. So relentlessly successful was that production line, that the girl had contracts worth $6 million before she hit her first professional ball at the age of 14.

By 17, she was deep in emotional chaos. Three years on from that, rescued, one must hope, from drug experimenting and a social disorientation, she is clinging to the wreckage of what was potentially the most illustrious womens' career ever, a threat to the records of Wills, Connolly, Court, King and Navratilova.

The French crowd, whose hearts had bled on Monday evening at the departure of Henri Leconte now offered the arm of condolence to the struggling Capriati. "Jeh-ni-fer", chanted eager schoolgirls, in the welcome sunshine. It was all to no avail.

The girl who once hit forehands of which you dream could not rediscover that talent. The first serve did not function, double faults proliferated, and though occasionally the forehand set expectation alight, too often it was long or wide. When she broke Yi's service to level the second set at 5-5, the buzz spread around Roland Garros. Yet two double faults immediately scuppered her, and she gave away the first of two match points when squandering an open forehand at the net.

Capriati: faults proliferated

Afterwards, the sadness of her dilemma was all too evident. Some may dismiss her as intellectually limited, yet here was a veteran child, aged only 20, emotionally treading water; unsure who she is, or where she is going. How desperately she needs honest friends, perhaps near to her own age, ready to give rather than take.

As she looked around her, searching within for honest answers to mostly friendly questions, she seemed lost. She was a little rusty, she said, modestly, "It's going to take practice and determination to be where I would like to be. It's not easy."

She was nervous, she admitted, returning to the scene of her first Grand Slam event. "I do feel a lot of emotions, and I let them get to me. I didn't know what to expect." Yes, she would love this summer to go back to the Olympic Games, in which she beat Steffi Graf for the gold medal four years ago, aged 16. The United States Tennis Association can only nominate her if they do so ahead of other, superior, contenders.

At 14, she was the youngest to be ranked in the top ten, and to be seeded at Wimbledon (12th). A year later, in 1991, she became the youngest semi-finalist at Wimbledon, beating Navratilova on the way, and likewise at the US Open. By 1992, she had become the youngest, at 16, to earn a million dollars in prize-money. Today, she is ranked 106. One must hope she can find a contented future.

Yi, who is 22, pays half her prize-money to the government, 15 per cent to the National Federation, and keeps the rest for herself. That should still be a tidy sum if she continues to progress at the same rate as last year, when she climbed 253 ranking places to 91st. She now stands at 72, having beaten, among others, Zina Garrison at Indian Wells.

LIONEL CIRONNEAU

Rear-of-court view, as the line umpire watches Steffi Graf preparing to receive serve

For all her inner anxieties, Graf was yesterday a picture of ease in beating Larisa Neiland, of Latvia, for the loss of five games. Motivation? "To be out there is still a joy," she said. "I love the game too much to step away from it."

Greg Rusedski, Britain's borrowed Canadian, produced one of the finest conclusions to any match all day, late in the evening against Grant Doyle, of Australia. It was the first five-set victory in Rusedski's career — never mind that Doyle is ranked 310 — Rusedski getting home by 6-2, 1-6, 7-5, 2-6, 7-5.

There had been a dramatic moment mid-way through the match in the twelfth game of the third set, when Rusedski played a scrambled, retrieving shot from the baseline backwards between his legs, and a surprised Doyle put his return into the net.

The Briton, however, immediately double-faulted, and Doyle went on to level the match two sets all. Rusedski was 2-0 behind in the final set, broke back for 2-2 and then, revealing the stronger will, consistently held his serve. He missed his first match-point in the 3½-hour duel at 5-4, but then played the perfect game on Doyle's next service with a smash and stop-volley, Doyle surrendering on a final double-fault. Rusedski now meets Michael Stich, the No 15 seed.

RESULTS FROM PARIS

MEN

SINGLES: First round: J Tarango (US) bt M Damm (Cz) 4-6, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; M Wilander (Swe) bt J-P Fleurian (Fr) 7-5, 6-4, 6-1; M Philippoussis (Aus) bt A Volkov (Russ) 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; T Johansson (Swe) bt H Leconte (Fr) 6-1, 6-1, 6-4; M Norman (Swe) bt M Hadad (Col) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-0; K Goossens (Bel) bt T Henman (GB) 6-4, 6-4, 7-5; A Medvedev (Ukr) bt N Lapentti (Ecu) 6-2, 6-2, 6-3; M Rosset (Switz) bt C-U Steeb (Ger) 6-4, 6-4, 6-0; J Novak (Cz) bt N Pereira (Ven) 2-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-1; S Schalken (Holl) bt D Vacek (Cz) 6-3, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; T Muster (Austria) bt F Fetterlein (Den) 6-4, 6-2, 6-4; H Dreekmann (Ger) bt C Ruud (Nor) 6-4, 6-3, 6-0; G Forget (Fr) bt A Chesnokov (Russ) 7-6, 7-6, 2-6, 3-6, 6-4; R Krajicek (Holl) bt S Noszaly (Hun) 4-6, 7-6, 6-1, 6-4; F Mantilla (Sp) bt D Dier (Ger) 6-4, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4; T Champion (Fr) bt S Stolle (Aus) 2-6, 6-4, 7-6, 4-6, 7-5; A Voinea (Rom) bt M Göllner (Ger) 3-6, 6-3, 7-6, 5-7, 6-2; C Pioline (Fr) bt J Frana (Arg) 6-1, 6-3, 6-2; R Reneberg (US) bt T Enqvist (Swe) 6-2, 3-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; G Solves (Fr) bt M Ondruska (SA) 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-7, 9-7; M Rios (Chile) bt M Joyce (US) 7-6, 6-1, 6-4; P Haarhuis (Holl) bt Y El Aynaoui (Morocco) 7-5 7-6, 3-0 ret. A Boetsch (Fr) bt J Palmer (US) 6-3, 6-4, 6-3; A Gaudenzi (It) bt K Tiilikainen (Fin) 6-3, 6-1, 6-1; M Tillstroem (Swe) bt C Costa (Sp) 4-6, 2-6, 6-1, 7-5, 6-1; A Berasategui (Sp) bt M Tebbutt (Aus) 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; A Boetsch (Fr) bt J Palmer (US) 6-3, 6-4, 6-3; B Karbacher (Ger) bt G Perez-Roldan (Arg) 6-2, 6-4, 6-4; R Fromberg (Aus) bt O Delaître (Fr) 6-3, 6-1, 6-3 J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt J Kroslak (Slovakia) 6-1, 6-2, 6-1. M Chang (US) bt D Prinosil (Ger) 6-1, 6-1, 6-2, M Knowles (Bah) bt D Norman (Bel) 5-7, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; B Ulihrach (Cz) bt F Montana (US) 6-2, 6-4 6-2; S Edberg (Swe) bt K Alami (Mar) 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.

WOMEN

SINGLES: First round: R Dragomir (Rom) bt A Frazier (US) 6-3, 6-3. H Nagyova (Slovakia) bt P Schnyder (Switz) 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; R Zrubakova (Slovakia) bt A-G Sidot (Fr) 5-7, 6-3, 6-2; N Feber (Bel) bt H Sukova (Cz) 6-4, 6-4; S Testud (Fr) bt V Ruano-Pascual (Sp) 6-3, 5-7, 6-4; N Tauziat (Fr) bt A Miller (US) 6-1, 6-1; I Spirlea (Rom) bt C Mothes (Fr) 6-0, 6-1; B Rittner (Ger) bt K Studenikova (Slovakia) 6-0, 6-1; J Novotna (Cz) bt L Richterova (Cz) 6-0, 6-2; M Sánchez Lorenzo (Sp) bt A Cocheteux (Fr) 6-2, 6-2; T Whitlinger-Jones (US) bt E Wagner (Ger) 6-1, 6-2; B Schultz-McCarthy (Holl) bt A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr) 6-4, 6-4; S Farina (It) bt C Cristea (Rom) 6-3, 6-4; S Appelmans (Bel) bt R Stubbs (Aus) 6-1, 6-1; P Langrova (Cz) bt N Arendt (US) 6-2, 7-6; E Makarova (Russ) bt N Baudone (It) 6-0, 3-6, 6-1; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt A Glass (Ger) 6-2, 6-3; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt K Nowak (Pol) 6-2, 6-1; K Date (Japan) bt A Carlsson (Swe) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; S Graf (Ger) bt L Neiland (Lat) 6-3, 6-2; L Wild (US) bt R Hiraki (Japan) 6-2, 6-0; K Habsudova (Slovakia) bt K Godridge (Aus) 6-7, 6-0, 7-5; E Likhovtseva (Russ) bt J Wiesner (Austria) 6-3, 1-6, 6-4; N Bradtke (Aus) bt J Watanabe (US) 6-2, 6-3; G L Garcia (Sp) bt N Miyagi (Japan) 6-4, 6-4; Jing-Qian Yi (China) bt J Capriati (US) 6-3, 7-5; A Serra-Zanetti (It) bt F Labat (Arg) 2-6, 6-1, 7-5; J Halard (Fr) bt L Lee (US) 2-6, 6-1, 6-0; A Mauresmo (Fr) bt B Reinstadler (Austria) 6-2, 1-6, 6-4; T Jecmenica (Yug) bt S Hack (Ger) 7-5, 7-6; J Halard-Decugis (Fr) bt L Lee (US) 2-6, 6-1, 6-0; M Oremans (Holl) bt L Ghirardi-Rubbi (Fr) 6-3, 6-0; T Jecmenica (Yug) bt S Hack (Ger) 7-5, 7-6, A Grossman (US) bt Y Kamio (Japan) 6-4, 6-0; M Maleeva (Bul) bt L Raymond (US) 6-1, 6-7, 12-10; C Martinez (Sp) bt E Callens (Bel) 6-1, 6-1.

Lennon still a force in gale

BY EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT

MIKE LENNON demonstrated that light and variable conditions are not the only ones in which he can excel when he won the last race in the Melges 24 class of the Rover Series in a gale at Tarbert yesterday.

Lennon won the class convincingly with Roger Peacock's *Cavendish Cool Cats* second — a good result in his first Melges regatta — and Kim Slater's *Pigs Eye* third.

The final race turned into a test of crew commitment and gear as the wind built steadily before the start. Only eight of the original 16 boats crossed the line and only five finished after three retired with assorted gear failures.

Lennon, on *Rawhyde*, got away early as the boats, which have no reefing system, crashed through big seas with crews pinned on the rail. He managed to hang on around a shortened course, with David Bedford's *Glenfiddich I* second and Peacock, the only man who could beat Lennon in the overall standings, third.

It has been a good series for Lennon, a sailmaker from Southend, who numbers his wife, Gabriella, among his crew. Lennon will defend his British title in the class at Brixham in September.

He showed superior speed in almost all conditions over the six-race series and displayed tactical acumen in the shifting winds that characterised the first two days.

For Peacock, Tarbert has been an exhilarating introduction to top-class one-design racing. A company director, Peacock, 49, has done little sailing but decided to buy a Melges after meeting Jim Schwerdt, the class manager.

Schwerdt found him a young and talented crew — Dave Johnson, Simon Liddington and Fred Kemp are all students in their early 20s — and this week they have gained one first place, one second, one third and two fourths.

One exciting if dangerous moment for Peacock came in the first race on Monday when he fell overboard as his boat approached the wing mark for the second time. Bedford, following behind, went into rescue mode and pulled a startled Peacock aboard *Glenfiddich I*, where he introduced himself.

Yesterday, Peacock reflected on a strong opening to his Melges campaign. "It's fantastic — I'm elated," he said. "It's really all down to the others in the crew. I can't take the credit for it because it's their sailing experience which has got us where we are."

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IN BRIEF

Three out of Cup team for Madrid

GREAT Britain have lost three experienced internationals from the athletics team for the European Cup in Madrid this weekend. Mick Hill, deputy for the injured Steve Backley in the javelin, has pulled out after losing to Colin Mackenzie in his first competition of the season. Mackenzie takes his place — a second boost for the Newham thrower, who had achieved an Olympic qualifying standard earlier this month.

Alison Wyeth, the AAA champion, has withdrawn from the 5,000 metres after a disappointing run in Holland last night. She is replaced by Andrea Whitcombe, a Parkside club-mate, while Angela Davies, of Basingstoke, takes over the 1500-metre spot from Ann Griffiths, who has contracted a virus.

Britain have also lost Jason Gardener and Phylis Smith from the sprint and 400-metre relay squads respectively.

Burke moves on

Rugby union: Paul Burke, capped seven times by Ireland at stand-off half, has left Cork Constitution for Bristol, where he will renew his partnership with Kyran Bracken, the former England scrum half.

The pair played together for England at schools and under-21 level before Burke declared his allegiance to the land of his parents.

Calvert on target

Rifle shooting Squadron Leader David Calvert, commanding officer of Cambridge University air squadron and a Commonwealth Games gold medal-winner, won the Irish open rifle championship at Bally Kinler from Hugh Kilpatrick, of East Scotland.

Italian double

Cycling: Roldolfo Massi, of the Ceramiche Refin team, broke away to win the 164km tenth stage of the Giro D'Italia from Arezzo to Prato. Davide Rebellin, another Italian, retained the overall lead by finishing in a bunch four seconds behind Massi.

Victorious Scotland still need to improve

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FROM MARK SOUSTER
IN WANGANUI

SCOTLAND fly to Whangerei later today to play Northland on Friday in the second match of the rugby union tour of New Zealand. An eventful opening week has seen the team experience a fire at their hotel, an earthquake which measured 5.8 on the Richter scale and the threat of a volcanic eruption from nearby Mount Ruapehu.

No disaster befell them at Cooks Gardens yesterday, although the manner of the victory did raise questions about the side's ability to cope against the ultimate challenge of the All Blacks. However, it was the first game of the expedition, the team had played very little rugby for a month and seven tries were scored against a side which, although the weakest they will face, still wanted to prove a point. Also in their defence, this floodlit match was the first that Scotland had played under new laws which, among other things, stipulate that the back row must remain bound to the scrum.

Jim Telfer, the manager, rated the win "seven out of ten". Richie Dixon, the coach, and Gregor Townsend, the captain, were less charitable. "It was a reasonable enough beginning," Dixon said. "But we have a lot of work to do on winning the ball on the deck and we have got to go back to some more lethal rucking."

Townsend described it as a "stereotypical opening tour match". He said: "There were a lot of mistakes, and the home team were up for it. Hopefully, we learnt a lot tonight. We did a lot of good things but there were a lot of unforced errors."

SCORERS: Wanganui: Tries: Gutsell, Renata. Penalty goal: Nahona. Scotland: Tries: Stark (2), Cronin, Joiner, Peters, Walton, Nicol. Conversions: Lang (4). Penalty goals: Lang (2).

WANGANUI: J Nahona; R Gedye, J Hamlin, G Lennox, A Nagicu; E Hokenui, S Brown; A Bull, A Edwards, V Pomana, A Renata, G Stanfall, M Ward, J Gutsell, K Whale

SCOTLAND XV: S Lang (Heriot's FP); C Joiner (Leicester), G Shiel (Melrose), I Jardine (Stirling County), D Stark (Melrose), G Townsend (Northampton, captain), A Nicol (Bath); D Hilton (Bath), K McKenzie (Stirling County), B Stewart (Edinburgh Academicals), P Walton (Newcastle), D Cronin (Bourges), S Murray (Edinburgh Academicals), N Broughton (Melrose), E Peters (Bath).

Referee: A Riley.

WORD-WATCHING

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SIDDHA

(c) In Indian religions, one who has attained perfection, a saint, *a semi-divine being; specifically in Jainism, a perfected,* bodyless being, freed from the cycle of rebirths. "All who are uninitiated into this system [sc. Sāktism] are styled 'beasts' (*pasu*), the initiated being called siddha, 'the perfect ones'."

EBSTERITE

(b) An ultramafic intrusive igneous rock composed essentially of orthorhombic and monoclinic pyroxenes. The toponym of *Webster* the name of a village in North Carolina.

STRANDLOOPER

(d) A member of a people, related to the Bushmen and Hottentots, living on the southern shores of South Africa from prehistoric times until the present millennium. From the Dutch/Afrikaans *strand* shore + *looper* walker.

TAMIZDAT

(a) Russian writings published abroad and smuggled back into the USSR. Russian publications moving outwards in the opposite direction were *samizdat*. From *tam* there + *izdatel'stvo* publishing house. "It is thus a combination of samizdat and tamizdat, ie both unofficial Soviet and émigré publications."

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RADIO CHOICE

Resurrecting Celestine

Voices from a French Village. *Radio 4, 8.15pm.*

For social historians such as Gillian Tindall, serendipity and sleuthing must often pay handsome dividends. When the radio listener can benefit, too, everyone is happy. Chancing on a bundle of love letters in a derelict house in a little village in central France, Tindall used them as her starting point for an odyssey back into the past. The journey resurrected not only the mid-19th century suitors of a pretty innkeeper's daughter called Celestine Chaumette, but her village of Chassignoles. Interestingly, the novels of George Sand contain many snapshots of rural life there. Tindall's tales of Celestine Chaumette will have put this village in the province of Berry on the "must see" map of the less frenetic tourist.

Singing Families of Ireland. *Radio 2, 8.30pm.*

Wally Whyton and Colin Irwin, men steeped to the gills in their familiarity with the Irish folk song tradition, have combined for five programmes. They eschew unattached songs, those without dynastic or familial links. This introduces a new strand into radio features about the self-generating power of folk songs, through political phases such as sectarian killings (the infinitely touching song *There Were Roses*, from the Sands family), Francie McPeake's wistful *Will Ye Go Lassie Go*, and Tommy Makem and the Clancy Brothers wowing a Carnegie Hall audience with their burlesqued version of *Galway Bay*.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Clive Warren **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, incl at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session, with more from Fun Lovin' Criminals and Echobelly **9.00** Bits from Last Week's Radio **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Wendy Lloyd

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Martin Kelner **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Anne Robinson **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** Helen Sharman **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 **8.00** In Good Voice (5/6) **8.30** Singing Families of Ireland. See Choice (1/5) **9.00** The Country Life (2/4) **9.30** Nigel Ogden **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl **6.55, 7.55** Racing preview **8.35** The Magazine with Diana Madill **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.05** Ruscoe On Five **4.00** Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra **7.20** Trevor Brooking's Football Night. Commentary from Belfast on the Euro 96 warm-up game between Northern Ireland and Germany **9.35** Bird's Eye View **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, with Valerie Sanderson **12.05am** After Hours **12.55** International Football: Scotland v Colombia from the Orange Bowl in Miami **3.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sports Zone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Megamix **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Discovery **9.00** News in German **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Andy Kershaw **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Thirty-Minute Drama **1.00** News in German **1.30** Composer of the Month **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Megamix **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.10** World Today **6.25** Science View **6.30** News in German **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Discovery **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Multitrack: X Press **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.00** News **12.10am** Science View **12.15** Country Style **12.30** Multitrack: X Press **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** From Our Own Correspondent **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Word of Faith **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Meridian **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Gardening Forum (r) **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Tallis (Lamentations of Jeremiah); Berwald, real Castegren (Symphony No 2 in D, Sinfonie capricieuse); Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in A, Op 9 No 2); Harty (In Ireland); Gershwin, arr anon (Three Preludes); Beethoven (Choral Fantasia in C minor for piano, chorus and orchestra, Op 80)

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Mozart (Serenade in C minor, K388); Massenet (Aubade, Chérubin); Prokofiev (Piano Concerto No 3)

10.00 Musical Encounters. Estevez (Noon on the Prairie); Tansman (Suite for wind trio); Michael Berkeley (Wessex Graves) **10.39** *Artist of the Week*: Gustav Leonhardt, harpsichord. Bach (Harpsichord Concerto in E, BWV 1053) **11.00** Kabelevsky (Piano Sonata No 3 in F, Op 46); Tchaikovsky (Suite No 1 in D, Op 43)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Richard Rodney Bennett. I never went away; After Syrinx; Kandinsky Variations; Sonata after Syrinx

1.00pm Concert Hall. Live from the Wigmore Hall in London. Antje Weithass, violin, Michael Dussek, piano. Beethoven (Violin Sonata in G, Op 30 No 3); Franck (Violin Sonata in A)

2.00 Double Your Choice: 0171-765 4308. Includes Josquin (Ave Maria . . . virgo serena); Bach (Cantata No 202: Weichet nur, betrübte Schatten); Roussel (Divertissement); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 9 in E flat, K271)

4.00 Choral Evensong

5.00 The Music Machine, with Sue Nelson

5.15 In Tune. Includes Kreisler (Praeludium und Allegro in the style of Pugnani); Miles Davis (Sketches of Spain, excerpt); Debussy (Jeux)

7.30 Bath Festival. Live from the Assembly Rooms. A concert featuring the artists-in-residence at this year's festival: Tiffany Jackson, soprano; Roger Vignoles, piano, Barry Douglas, piano, Dmitri Sitkovetsky, violin, Yuri Zhislin, violin, Philip Dukes, viola, Rebecca Gilliver, cello, and Timothy Lines, bass clarinet. Prokofiev (Overture on Hebrew Themes); Milhaud (Poèmes Juifs); Bloch (Suite for viola and piano); Ravel Mélodies Hébraïques) **8.20** Migrations. Stephen Johnson investigates the theme of this year's festival **8.40** Brahms (Piano Quintet in F minor, Op 34)

9.40 Manners (3/5)

9.45 Flute Fantasies. Patrick Gallois plays a selection by Telemann

10.00 Voices. Catherine Robbin, mezzo, and Paul Nicholson, piano, perform pieces by C.P.E. Bach, Haydn and Beethoven

10.45 Night Waves, with Tony Palmer

11.30 Composer of the Week: Respighi (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Incl **1.00** Orchestral music by Ravel and Tchaikovsky and at **5.00** Sequence

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) *6.00* News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day *8.40 Sailing Alone around* the World (3/5) **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Vice or Virtue. With Mark Lawson, Ann Leslie, Jonathon Porritt, Bea Campbell, A.N. Wilson and guests

10.00 News; A Good Read. Sarah Dunant discusses favourite paperbacks with Professor David Baum and Diana Hendry

10.00 Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only)

10.30 Woman's Hour

1.300 Gardeners' Question Time (r)

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch

12.25pm Are You from the Bugle? Joan Gradwell's sitcom set in a local newspaper office. With Jeffrey Holland, Robert Beck, David Ryall and Frances Jeater (2/6) **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; My Way. Sid Vicious, by Sue Teddern (2/3)

2.45 Treasure Islands, with Michael Rosen

3.00 News; *The Afternoon Shift*

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Gambaccini sees *Looking for Richard*, directed by Al Pacino

4.45 Short Story. Babel Fable, by Iain Pattison

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Brain of Britain 1996. Robert Robinson hosts a new series of the general knowledge quiz (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Face the Facts. John Waite and his team of investigators follow up listeners' complaints

7.45 Your Place or Mine? The story of 17-year-old Kevin *who was convicted of* dangerous driving after being involved in an accident in which two people were killed instead of a custodial sentence he recieved an alternative punishment, to which the families of the victims agreed

8.15 Voices from a French Village. See Choice

9.00 Attacking the Organisation. Peter Day examines the prospects for the 21st century and unveils the next big management idea (4/4) (r)

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Bookshop, by Penelope Fitzgerald. Read by Maggie Steed (3/10)

11.00 A Square of One's Own, by Ivan Shakespeare. A comedy series parodying the life and times of the Bloomsbury Group (3/4)

11.30 First Impressions. Hosted by Pete McCarthy. With Alistair McGowan, Steve Nallon, Kate Robbins and Peter Serafinowicz (r)

12.00 News incl **12.27am** Weather **12.30 The Late Book: Return to Return** (3/4) **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

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REVIEW

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The curse of Tutankhamun can manifest itself in many ways. Formerly, the luckless grave-openers just sickened and died, some of them still in their pith helmets. But now, at Highclere Castle in Hampshire, the curse has stretched out its raggedly bandaged avenging mitt across the decades to Lord Carnarvon's chirpy descendants and landed them with . . . a business manager called Adrian! This may sound unworthy of the Big Bugged Mummy, but those of us with a vivid memory of Keith (Rottweiler) Cooper in *The House* fell into a dead faint. We managed only to whisper "Beware!" and "The curse!" and "Weep!" before consciousness was entirely lost.

To be honest, I was making my own entertainment a bit here. Last night's **Network First. *High Stakes at Highclere*** (ITV) was a decent enough film, but it wasn't designed to elicit a huge emotional input from the viewer. It took the now familiar theme of cash-strapped nobs with damp in the west wing, and the eternal struggle for solvency. Shot mainly in summer, however, it seemed pretty cheerful. The sun shone bright on green castle lawns, the Carnarvon family were intelligent and good-looking, their horse won a big race at Newmarket, their house-visitors lapped up cream teas and pot plants. Things were not completely desperate. Yet the long shadow of Adrian appeared in the doorway (the curse!), and all grew chill where he walked.

You remember the Sacking of the Box Office Manager in *The House*? Well, Adrian was gunning for the woman in the tea-room, who refused to admit the benefits of self-service. His main weapon, however, was sarcasm — which luckily always looks contemptible on television. At one point he complained to camera about the drinks pricing in the tea-room, in particular the beer. A pint of bitter, "anywhere in the empire", was £1.80, he said. In the North, of course — "with a loft full of pigeons" — it was £1.50. At Highclere, it was a pound! "What an excellent opportunity *that* is!" he exclaimed. But by the time he reached his conclusion, most of the viewers had stopped listening. They were still wondering where the loft full of pigeons had fallen from, and wondering whether people sometimes hit Adrian smack on the nose, sort of out of the blue.

David Stafford's excellent **I'll Just See If He's In** (BBC2) continued with a historical survey of female secretarial work, with ace sepia footage of smart women in typing classes, all tapping and thumping in unison, and returning their carriages with a single "ping!". Stafford's commentary (read by June Whitfield) was generous and clever, and allowed for the fact that, just as secretarial work is a trap for women, it is also a profession to be proud of. The joy of mastering shorthand still shone on the face of one former secretary. Another, however, remembered with less enthusiasm that, in the typing pool, her machine was monitored for "taps" — for 12,000 taps per hour, to be precise. If they didn't have anything to do, typists had to bang the space bar just to keep their quota up.

On the subject of typing, it often goes unnoticed in films and drama that actors pretending to type never touch the space bar. I just thought I'd mention it. Such little things often spoil one's enjoyment, I find. Pianists tinkle the keys at the wrong end, golfers lash at the ball as though killing snakes, and ancient hacks sit late at their desks in a pool of yellow light, frantically typing one very, very long word — *siehnfdumtheumdlfgimheubgxlwkrumduhgrefd* — by the hour. Those of us who know about keyboards notice such things.

One of the greatest pleasures of *I'll Just See If He's In* was watching real touch-typing on real typewriter keys. Such skill! Such beauty! Such power of digit! Personally, as a three-finger whizz whose pinkies were unfortunately so feeble at typing classes that with every "a" or ";" I had to lift my other fingers off the keys and perform an action like a karate chop, I gawp with joy at rapid touch-typing, rather as others gawp at figure-skating or Moon landings.

A nice touch in *I'll Just See If He's In* was that each secretary was introduced by name (of course), but also by speed. Some had shorthand of 40 wpm; others had 60. But is such a pace unnatural? Are people pushed beyond their natural limit? Channel 4's rather good **Human Jungle** last night (the first of six) considered the pace of modern life, and it made me tired just to watch. I started typing much more slowly afterwards, anyway.

Human Jungle concerns city life, and apart from being stunningly well filmed, it trots out some interesting statistics. Accustomed to fast movement and lots of control, modern man goes bonkers when he hits a traffic jam. As Samuel Beckett recognised 40 years ago, it's the hanging about we can't stand. When we call a lift, we get anxious after only 17 seconds. It's the excess adrenalin, you know.

The point was that human beings have adapted to cities phenomenally well. An animal in an alien environment goes mad, while humans just walk at four miles an hour and stop taking holidays. But: "I'm a human *being*," complained an over-stressed New Yorker; "I'm not a human *doing*." Ah yes, the old doing-and-being debate. It made me think of that thought-provoking graffito you used to see on walls in classy lavs: "To do is to be (Jean-Paul Sartre)", "To be is to do (Schopenhauer)", it said. And then, underneath, in smaller letters: "Do be do be do (Frank Sinatra)".

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (94875)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (25146)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (7086320)
9.20 Can't Cook Won't Cook (7005455)
9.50 FILM: The VIPs (1963) starring Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton, Louis Jourdan, Margaret Rutherford, Maggie Smith and Orson Welles. Glossy, star-studded tale about a group of passengers stranded at London Airport by bad weather. Directed by Anthony Asquith. Includes **11.00** News; regional news and weather (69100766)
12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (1316894)
12.05pm Call My Bluff. With Bob Holness, Sandi Toksvig and The Times columnist Alan Coren (s) (5558726)
12.35 Going for Gold (s) (4048146)
1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (28233)
1.30 Regional News (62228320)
1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (69756233)
2.00 Snowy River — the McGregor Saga (60982)
3.30 Playdays (r) (s) (2075165) **3.50 The Silver Brumby** (s) (2079981) **4.15 Funnybones** (r) (s) (2730894) **4.20 Jonny Briggs** (9/13) (r) (Ceefax) (3661558) **4.35 Rugrats** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2364610) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (7723542) **5.10 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (6672349)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (851829)
6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (813)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (165)
7.00 Small Talk. Ronnie Corbett hosts the show in which contestants second guess nine youngsters (Ceefax) (s) (6252)
7.30 NEW **Mastermind.** Magnus Magnusson returns for the first round of the 24th series of the superior quiz show, from Drapers' Hall, London (Ceefax) (s) (349)
8.00 Casualty. Ash pleads with Matt to give evidence at his trial (r) (Ceefax) (s) (844766)
8.50 Points of View (145726)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (4146)
9.30 **Bad Boys: No Pain No Gain.** Comedy drama about the adventures of a cockney wide-boy stranded in gangland Glasgow (Ceefax) (s) (274436)
10.20 **QED: How To Win A Grand Prix** (Ceefax) (s) (946423)
10.50 FILM: Mississippi Burning (1988) starring Gene Hackman and Willem Dafoe. Alan Parker's drama of racial tension set in the deep South (73336891) *N.I.: 10.50 Sportsnight from* Northern Ireland **12.00** FILM: Mississippi Burning **2.05** Weather
12.55 FILM: Aria (1988) starring John Hurt, Theresa Russell, Bridget Fonda, James Mathers, Tilda Swinton and Elizabeth Hurley. A collection of short films inspired by operatic arias. Directed by Bill Bryden, Nicolas Roeg, Charles Sturridge, Jean-Luc Godard, Julien Temple, Bruce Beresford, Robert Altman, Franc Roddam, Ken Russell and Derek Jarman (2760740)
2.20am Weather (3786160)

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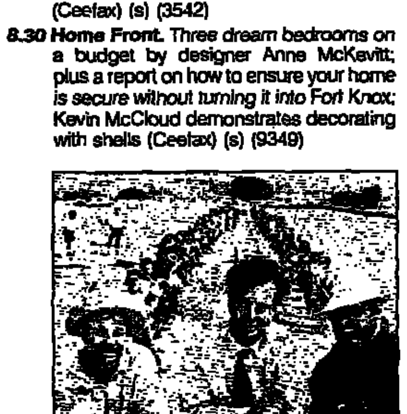
BBC2

6.00am Open University: Maths (7688184) **6.25** Energy and Rockets (7667691) **6.50** Victorian Ways of Death (5690184)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4088252)
7.30 Wishing (9254788) **7.40 Peter Pan and the Pirates** (4222233) **8.05 Smurfs' Adventures** (7818829) **8.30 White Fang** (12097) **9.00 Mighty Max** (4991165) **9.20 Activ-8** (7004726) **9.45 SuperTed** (3090523) **9.55 Spot** (2644610) **10.00 Playdays** (2734287) **10.05 Star Trek** (6274436) **10.50 The Tick** (1938788) **11.10 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased)** (4568981) **12.00 Great Crimes and Trials of the 20th Century** (16813)
12.30pm Working Lunch (44184)
1.00 Wishing (r) (s) (40956455) **1.10 The Season** (r) (31722455)
1.40 A Horse Called Valley (39004368)
2.10 The Andrew Neil Show (s) (7590504)
3.00 News (Ceefax) (7343320)
3.05 The Natural World (r) (Ceefax) (9005829) **3.55 News** (Ceefax) (6494894) **4.00 Today's the Day** (s) (338) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (s) (962) **5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show** (Ceefax) (s) (4066287)
5.40 A Week to Remember: 1956 (553320)
5.50 Wartime Weddings (r) (497726)
6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (Ceefax) (s) (113078)
6.45 Cantona. Desmond Lynam interviews Manchester United's French star (r) (Ceefax) (s) (536829) *WALES:* **6.45** East Special (251097) **7.30** More Rhodes around Britain (691) **8.00** Books in Hay (3542)
7.10 East Special: A Power in the Land. Reporter Martin Bashir on how the three main political parties are courting the Asian vote (Ceefax) (s) (308504)
8.00 More Rhodes Around Britain: Herefordshire. Gary Rhodes arrives in Herefordshire at harvest festival time (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3542)
8.30 Home Front. Three dream bedrooms on a budget by designer Anne McKevitt; plus a report on how to ensure your home is secure without turning it into Fort Knox; Kevin McCloud demonstrates decorating with shells (Ceefax) (s) (9349)



Experts copy ancient feats (9pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Secrets of Lost Empires: Stonehenge** (Ceefax) (s) (280436)
9.50 CHOICE **Postcards from the Country: The Yorkshire Dales — A Dales Diary** (4/8) (Ceefax) (s) (737702)
10.30 Newsnight: Israeli Election Special presented live from Jerusalem by Peter Snow (925558)
11.15 Murder One (r) (Ceefax) (s) (437523)
12.00 Picture This: Washing Up Wars (r) (s) (40194)
12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE

Secrets of Lost Empires: Stonehenge
BBC2, 9.00pm

This entertaining foray into the distant past is a cross between *How Do They Do That?* and *Challenge Anneka*, though with more substance than both. The idea is that engineers and archaeologists try to replicate the construction of ancient monuments using the technology available at the time. Stonehenge provides a triple challenge: to get the huge stones to the site, to place them upright and to set a lintel across the top of them. That the stones weigh 40 tons and the lintel nine tons emphasises the magnitude of the task. The solutions devised by the experts Julian Richards and Mark Whitby are as low-tech as they are ingenious. Cynics may say that while the real Stonehenge took hundreds of years to build, television compresses the task into 50 minutes. It is compelling television all the same.

Bad Boys
BBC1, 9.30pm

Ian Pattison of *Rab C. Nesbitt* is the creator of this comedy-drama set in Glasgow and featuring Freddie Boardley and Karl Howman as former-cons involved, not too seriously, in the city's gang wars. The Scottish accents are more comprehensible than the plotting but this is not a show designed to keep you on the edge of your seat. Its forte is not so much attention-holding storylines as incongruous humour, as when a shootout between gangland rivals interrupts a quiet dinner party and causes one of the guests to go into premature labour. Lines such as "if you will excuse me, I have got some wounding to do" sum up the funny-macabre tone but those who think there is an excess of violence on television will find much more in the promise than the delivery. Even the blood is only tomato soup.

Postcards from the Country
BBC2, 9.50pm

Continuing his enjoyable series on British rural life, Richard Mabey visits the Yorkshire Dales. It is a much less structured film than last week's report from the Rhondda Valley, but that is because the Dales have seen no upheaval comparable to the rise and collapse of the South Wales coal industry. Change here is less dramatic. There are more tourists, to be sure, and the tractor has replaced horses on the farm. It has also replaced the itinerant Irish workers who would come over each summer to help with the haymaking. But the intense sense of locality, and the strength of traditions such as shooting grouse on the Glorious Twelfth, ensure that evolution will never become revolution. As the entertainer Mike Harding (an incomer) puts it: "The Dales are not just a geographical thing, they are a state of mind."

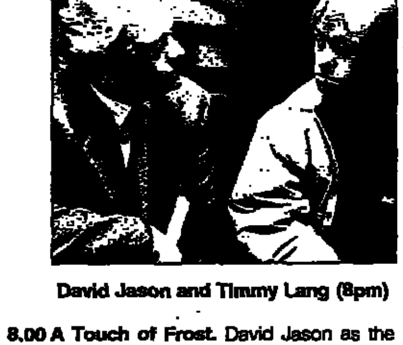
QED: How to win a Grand Prix
BBC1, 10.20pm

The cameras go behind the pre-season scenes with the Formula One Benetton team to explore the question which perennially exercises motor racing fans: do cars win world championships or is it drivers? Last year Benetton was top constructor and its man, Michael Schumacher, champion driver. But in 1996 Schumacher is with another team and Benetton has a new car to go with its new drivers. The film provides an insight into the subtleties of racing car design as the Benetton engineers strive for that extra fraction of a second that will make the difference between winning and just doing well. Such mysteries as downforce and aerodynamics are lucidly explained but come the first race of the season the human factor, in the shape of the Benetton drivers, Jean Alesi and Gerhard Berger, suddenly becomes crucial.

Peter Waymark

HTV

6.00am GMTV (5412946) **9.25 Supermarket Sweep** (r) (Teletext) (s) (7081875)
9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (2648436)
10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (6983813)
10.35 This Morning (50315707)
12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (1312078)
12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (4067271)
12.55 Shortland Street (s) (4042962) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (1368813) **2.00 Home and Away** (Teletext) (s) (19233639)
2.25 FILM: Too Good to Be True (1989) (1/2) starring Patrick Duffy, Loni Anderson and Glynnis O'Connor. An author is captivated by a beautiful women. Despite warnings from her relatives he eventually marries her. Soon her psychotic possessiveness turns his life into a living nightmare. Concluded tomorrow. Directed by Christian I. Nyby II (7506165)
3.20 News (Teletext) (7350610)
3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7359981)
3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (s) (1681851) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (1797962) **3.50 Britt Allcroft's Magic Adventures of Mumfie** (r) (s) 1793146) **4.00 Garfield and Friends** (r) (3563962) **4.15 Adventures of Captain Zeelig** (s) (5338165) **4.40 Spellbinder** (Teletext) (s) (2745726)
5.10 A Country Practice (s) (9225523)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (297252)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) (744146)
6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (249977)
7.00 NEW **Midas Touch: Olympics.** Contestants try to reach the top of a pyramid to win a bar of gold by answering questions and coping with challenges related to the Olympic Games (1320)
7.30 Coronation Street. Steve's future looks grim (Teletext) (417)



David Jason and Timmy Lang (8pm)

8.00 A Touch of Frost. David Jason as the irascible Inspector Frost (r) (Teletext) (s) (6726)
10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (11368)
10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (536900)
10.40 Short Story Cinema: Session Man. Winner of the 1992 Oscar for Best Live Action Short Film (867639)
11.10 Euro 96 Countdown. Studio discussion from Leeds (647813)
12.10 God's Gift (7314905) **1.10 Dear Nick** (4966547) **2.15 Bushell on the Box** (r) (s) (19653)
2.45 FILM: The Town Bully (1988) starring Bruce Boxleitner, David Graf and Pat Hingle. The locals close ranks when the local bully is found dead. Directed by Noel Black (249092)
4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (32585)
5.00 Cover Story (s) (77160)
5.30 Morning News (90699)

As HTV WEST except:
6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (249977)
10.40-11.10 Something Strange (867639)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.25-12.30 My Story. The work of Terry Gordon who looks after the spiritual needs of the American service personnel stationed at RAF St Mawgan in Cornwall (1320097)
12.55 Coronation Street (4042962)
1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (31715165)
1.55 Home and Away (39097078)
2.25 Brief Encounters (19236726)
2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (6093610)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9225523)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (29829)
10.40-11.10 Special Report. How do West Country workers' pay and conditions compare with those in other parts of Europe? (867639)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55 Home and Away (4042962)
1.25 Cross Wits (31715165)
1.55 A Country Practice (69760436)
2.20 Right or Wrong (19237455)
2.50-3.20 Our House (2851455)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9225523)
6.25 Central News and Weather (249977)
7.00-7.30 Midas Touch. The first of a new game show series in which Bradley Walsh leads five contestants on a journey up a pyramid (1320)
10.40 Euro 96 Countdown (189441)
11.40 Phoenix (895523)
12.40am Bushell on the Box (3956769)
1.10 God's Gift (2955740)
3.10 In Focus (2693585)
3.55 Jobfinder (2483214)
5.20 Asian Eye (3559924)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
12.55pm Coronation Street (4042962)
1.25 Home and Away (31715165)
1.55 Shortland Street (69760436)
2.20 Murder, She Wrote (7507894)
5.10 Home and Away (9225523)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (981)
6.30-7.00 Animal Country (233)
10.40-11.10 The Road Show (867639)
5.00am Freescreen (77160)

S4C

Starts: 6.35 Sharky and George (5777287) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (41184) **9.00 Am Naw or Urdd** (7182558) **9.25 The Pink Panther Show** (7098165) **9.50 California Dreams** (6628455) **10.20 Gamesmaster** (6260233) **10.45 Mork and Mindy** (820233) **11.15 Dog City** (3233981) **11.35 Wildside** (4737829) **12.05pm The Adventures of Tintin** (7507691) **12.30 Wowser** (39252) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (44271) **1.30 Bush Tucker Man** (38523) **2.00 Eisteddfod Yr Urdd Bro** (587320) **4.30 Secrets of the Sea** (558) **5.00 5 Pump: Uned 5 or Urdd** (9726) **5.30 Fifteen to One** (610) **6.00 Newyddion** (100788) **6.15 Heno** (644523) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (952964) **7.25 Eisteddfod Yr Urdd Bro** (3167271) **8.30 Newyddion** (4417) **9.00 Encounters: Lost Paradise** (5748) **10.00 Brookside** (17310) **10.30 E.R.** (64894) **11.30 Cybill** (54879) **12.00 NBA XXL** (74128547)

6.35am Sharky and George (r) (5777287)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (41184)
9.00 Saved by the Bell: The College Years (r) (Teletext) (7182558) **9.25 The Pink Panther Show** (r) (s) (7098165)
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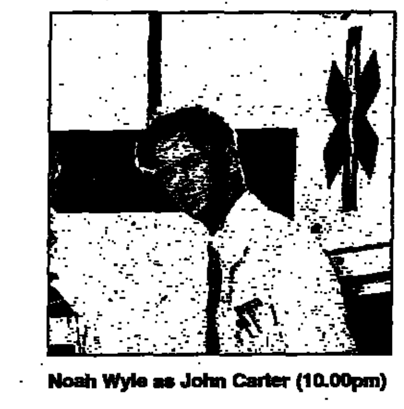
1.55 Waterways (r) (Teletext) (39088320)
2.25 FILM: Rembrandt (1936, b/w) starring Charles Laughton, Gertrude Lawrence and Elsa Lanchester. Capturing the final years of the Dutch painter's life. Directed by Alexander Korda (210417)
4.00 The Four Horsewomen. Portraits of four disparate women taking part in the 20-mile Dartmeet and Endurance Pleasure ride (Teletext) (146)
4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (558) **5.00 Ricki Lake** (Teletext) (s) (1314184) **5.45 Terrytoons** (578639)
6.00 Blossom (r) (Teletext) (s) (742788)
6.25 Home Improvement. American comedy series (Teletext) (s) (750707)
6.55 Murun Buchstansangur (513523)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (978982)
7.55 The Slot (370165)
8.00 Brookside. Sinbad receives advice on financial planning (Teletext) (s) (8610)
8.30 Scrimpers. Ray Brooks and Rick Ball meet more people who save money by ingenious means (r) (Teletext) (4417)
9.00 Dispatches. How some United Nations officials allowed the Bosnian town of Srebenica to fall to the Bosnian Serbs (Teletext) (557610)
9.45 Four-Mations: Great British Animation. Tim Webb's award-winning *A Is For Autism* (r) (Teletext) (s) (585542)



Noah Wyle as John Carter (10.00pm)

10.00 ER: John Carter MD. Last in the current series of the American hospital drama. When Carter should be accepting a medical doctor's degree he is instead comforting a critically ill girl in need of a liver transplant (Teletext) (s) (3875)
11.00 Friends. Monica discovers that her latest love is less than she thought he was (r) (Teletext) (s) (5829)
11.30 Cheers. Woody has been summoned home by his parents who are worried about his moral welfare in what they consider to be Sin City — Boston (r) (Teletext) (54879)
12.00 NBA XXL. The Seattle Supersonics meet the Utah Jazz in a semi-final of the basketball championship (74128547)
2.05am FILM: O-Kay for Sound (1937, b/w). A farce starring the Crazy Gang. Directed by Marcel Varnel (4209363). Ends at **3.35am**

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (61982) **9.00** Press Your Luck (8415851) **9.20** Love Connection (8291558) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (4067558) **10.40** Jeopardy! (9385523) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (3433184) **12.00** Beechy (78165) **1.00pm** Hotel (87813) **2.00** Geraldo (58900) **3.00** Court TV (1977) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (4009423) **4.15** Undun (7878349) **5.00** Star Trek (8639) **6.00** The Simpsons (8558) **6.30** Jeopardy! (9610) **7.00** LAPD (9368) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5894) **8.00** Space: Above and Beyond (24368) **9.00** The Outer Limits (35784) **10.00** Star Trek (85261) **11.00** Highlander (81726) **12.00** Late Show (2506363) **12.45am** Civil Wars (9640189) **1.30** Anything But Love (41856) **2.00** Hit Mix (9807189)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
9.30am Destinations (49078) **10.30** ABC Nightline (45349) **1.30pm** CBS News (17981) **2.30** CBS News (52338) **3.30** Destinations (4788) **6.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton (17097) **7.30** Sportsline (45356) **8.30** Newsmaker (5165) **9.30** CBS News (82726) **12.30am** ABC News (54818) **1.30** Tonight Replay (76301) **2.30** Newsmaker (82158) **3.30** Sky Destinations (32653) **4.30** CBS News (82450) **5.30** ABC News (44769)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Scaramouche (1952) (29233) **8.00 Room Service** (1938) (49252) **10.00 Smoky** (1966) (60146) **12.00 Adolf Hitler — My Part in His Downfall** (1972) (39875) **2.00pm Moon Zero Two** (1969) (21271) **4.00 Lad: A Dog** (1962) (6271) **6.00 Charlie's Ghost Story** (1994) (73894) **7.30 E! News Week in Review** (1994) (13252) (9702) **8.00 I Love Trouble** (1994) (311962) **10.00 Guyver: Dark Hero** (1992) (311962) **11.45 Animal Instincts 2** (1993) (989417) **1.15am Reality Bites** (1994) (127450) **2.50 Seeds of Deception** (1994) (4334363) **4.20 Adolf Hitler — My Part in His Downfall** (1972) (449011) **5.59 Closedown** (1972) (6860450)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Annie Oakley (1935) (2875) **6.00 Our Man in Havana** (1959) (80349) **8.00 Critical Condition** (1987) (95894) **10.00 Rocky IV** (1985) (905356) **11.40 Dracula: Prince of Darkness** (1965) (896610) **1.15-3.00am Peeping Tom** (1960) (899030)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Meet Me in Las Vegas (1956) (27875) **8.00 Little Nemo: Adventures in Slumberland** (1993) (47894) **10.00 Tintin: The Seven Crystal Balls and Prisoners of the Sun** (1987) (69788) **12.00 Batman: Mask of the Phantasm** (1993) (37417) **2.00pm Groundhog Day** (1993) (29813) **4.00 Little Nemo: Adventures in Slumberland** (1993) (4813) **6.00 The Whipping Boy** (1994) (16349) **8.00 Groundhog Day** (1993) (11894) **10.00 Second Best** (1994) (333184) **11.50 Puppetmaster 2** (1990) (367320) **1.20am Breaking the Silence** (1991) (148585) **3.00 Shadow of a Doubt** (1995) (203585) **4.35 Tintin: The Seven Crystal Balls and Prisoners of the Sun** (1987) (4163856) **5.59 Closedown** (1987) (6869092)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Muppet Babies (92961436) **6.30** Ducktales (36308184) **7.00** Quack Attack (87286417) **7.30** Raw Toonage (87288252) **8.00** Raw Toonage (50026436) **8.30** Shnookums (50025707) **9.00** Marsupilami (50112287) **9.30** Ducktales (54680165) **10.00** Heathcliff the Movie (73922558) **11.30** Darkwing Duck (97440349) **12.00** Darkwing Duck (50029523) **12.30pm** Ducktales (54684981) **1.00** Ducktales (56375542) **1.25** FILM: The Boy with the Green Hair (12816875) **2.30** Sing Me a Story with Belle (45051097) **3.00** Darkwing Duck (47025639) **3.00** Ducktales (47025639) **3.30** Quack Attack (45056542) **3.30** Quack Attack (45056542) **4.00** Chip 'n' Dale (45042349) **4.30** Raw Toonage (45031233) **5.00** Boy Meets World (47020184) **5.30** Danger Bay (45055813) **6.00** Tarzan (45052726) **6.30** Dinosaurs (45043078) **7.00** Sinbad (47000320) **7.30** Flipper (26976900) **8.30** Voyager (85848558) **9.30-10.00** Dinosaurs (54671417) (50020252)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Speedworld (84455) **8.30** Football (79829) **9.30** Eurofun (58436) **10.00** Live Tennis (1569829) **6.00** Live Athletics (408349) **8.30** Formula 1 (5707) **9.00** Tennis (68726) **10.00** Football (21707) **12.00-12.30am** Trickshot (76382) (36276)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Skiff Sailing (18894) **7.30** Wrestling (62287) **8.30** Racing (35097) **9.00** Aerobics (26349) **9.30** Basketball Special (83542) **11.30** Skiff Sailing (26252) **12.00** Aerobics (39813) **12.30pm** The Story of the 1995/6 FA Cup (53900) **2.00** Asian Football (78788) **3.00** Sports Unlimited (37368) **4.00** Nascar Super Trucks (16875) **5.00** Wrestling (4455) **6.00** Sports Centre (264610) **6.05** Golf: US Womens Open 1995 (475455) **7.00** The Winning Post: Ripon and Newbury — Live (73418) **9.00** The Pavilion End (46558) **10.00** Sports Centre (702417) **10.15** US Seniors Golf (505252) **12.15am** The Pavilion End (591943) **1.15** Golf 1995 (597127) **2.15-2.30** Sports Centre (9953059)

SKY SPORTS GOLD

10.00pm Golden Gloves with Barry Mcguigan (9072271) **11.00-1.00am** Great Premiership Games 1995/96 (4615788)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kids TV **4.30** Chronicles of Revival **5.00** Voice of Victory **5.30** Christian Music TV **5.45** Tba **6.15** This Is Your Day **6.45-7.00** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (8829455) **7.55** As the World Turns (2824788) **8.50** Peyton Place (7164542) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (1902962) **10.10-11.00** Another World

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Globetrotter (6118320) **11.30** Destinations (6126349) **12.00** Dive Programmes (7645455) **12.30pm** Floyd on Oz (3891320) **1.00** Getaway (4628578) **1.30** Around the World (3890691) **2.00** Great Sports Vacations (4733097) **2.30** Eilat (9191271) **3.00** Globetrotter (4712504) **3.30** Around the World (7468788) **3.55-4.00** Holiday Shop (99708542)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm The Great Days of the Century (6132900) **5.00** Hollywood (4736184) **6.00-7.00** Biography: Ponce de Leon (3816639)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

7.00pm Battlestar Galactica (8073900) **8.00** FILM: The Quatermass Experiment (7049523) **9.30** TBA (3811184) **10.00** Close **1.00am** The Six Million Dollar Man (9653479) **2.00** FILM: Quatermass II (2758818) **3.30-4.00** Sci-fi Buzz (4098924)

Bill Murray stars in *Groundhog Day* (2pm and 8pm, Movie Channel)

TLC

9.00am Simply Painting (1191455) **9.30** Grow with Joe (7123078) **10.00** Dogs with Dunbar (5003891) **10.30** This Old House with Steve and Norm (1197639) **11.00** Homemaker (6852320) **11.30** Craftwise (6660349) **12.00** Julia Child (1171691) **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (7127884) **1.00** Yan Can Cook (7031287) **1.30** Furniture to Go (7126165) **2.00** Our House (1395146) **2.30** Gardens (1325233) **3.00** It's a Vet's Life (1307981) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (7337078)

UK GOLD

7.00am Rentaghost (7936146) **7.30** Neighbours (7940981) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1170962) **8.30** EastEnders (1179233) **9.00** The Bill (1193813) **9.30** The Sullivans (7125436) **10.00** All Creatures Great and Small (7946165) **11.00** Bullseye (6661078) **11.30** Gibberish (7684368) **12.05pm** Sons and Daughters (55790639) **12.30** Neighbours (7129252) **1.00** EastEnders (5500368) **1.35** Sykes (4151984) **2.15** Home James (7155271) **2.50** Sorry! (9643146) **3.30** The Bill (1339436) **4.00** Casualty (6758558) **5.00** Every Second Counts (7180726) **5.45** 'Allo 'Allo! (6751558) **6.25** EastEnders (4649184) **7.00** Morecambe and Wise (2509417) **8.00** Bullseye (1317368) **8.30** Sorry! (1395875) **9.00** Campaign (2601829) **10.00** The Bill (4162349) **10.35** Top of the Pops (8834078) **11.25** Mackenzie (4428320) **12.25am** FILM: Roommates (2869856) **2.00-3.00** Shopping (2481566)

TCC

6.00am Tiny TCC (27165) **7.00** Sesame Street (40691) **8.00** Barney and Friends (63894) **8.30** Dinobabies (82165) **9.00** Garfield and Friends (53417) **9.30** Felix the Cat (90436) **10.00** Eek the Cat (76455) **10.30** Earthworm Jim (65829) **11.00** Gravedale High (68981) **11.30** Where's Wally? (60610) **12.00** Isnogoud (66981) **12.30pm** Creepy Crawlers (94252) **1.00** Eek the Cat (83233) **1.30** Pink Panther (93523) **2.00-5.00** Stunt Afternoon: Heartbreak High (893788)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Banana Sandwich (7117261) **6.10** Babar (4468349) **6.35** Jimbo and the Jet Set (1167875) **6.40** Mr Men (3969261) **7.00** Killer Tomatoes (16436) **7.30** Pet Shop (28271) **8.00** Wishbone (34368) **8.30** Santo Bugito (33639) **9.00** Biker Mice from Mars (17691) **9.30** Clarissa (54610) **10.00** Rugrats (71829) **10.30** Aaahh!!! Real Monsters (13875) **11.00** Rocko (23165) **11.30** Doug (24894) **12.00** Sister Sister (37455) **12.30pm** Pete and Pete (65726) **1.00** Capitol Critters (15707) **1.30** Pet Shop (84097) **2.00** Wishbone (2610) **2.30** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (1287) **3.00** Biker Mice from Mars (8417) **3.30** Mighty Max (1784) **4.00** Tales of the Cryptkeeper (9639) **4.30** Rugrats (8523) **5.00** Sister Sister (3962) **5.30** Clarissa (9875) **6.00** Alex Mack (6788) **6.30-7.00** Afraid of the Dark? (1928)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Time Travellers (1349813) **4.30** Nature/Nature (1345097) **5.00** Legends of History (1398233) **6.00** Fire (1328962) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (5414349) **7.30** Mysterious Forces Beyond (1346726) **8.00** Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious World (1308610) **8.30** Ghosthunters (1394417) **9.00** Unexplained (2529271) **10.00** Fast Cars (2602558) **11.00-12.00** Space Shuttle (7945436)

BRAVO

12.00 The Adventures of Robin Hood (1175417) **12.30pm** The Adventures of William Tell (7114320) **1.00** Jason King (7119875) **2.00** Honey West (1315900) **2.30** Garry Shandling (1425287) **3.00** The Saint (6851691) **4.00** FILM: The Honey Pot (6205078) **6.30** UFO (5401875) **7.30** Dead at 21 (1333252) **8.00** Automan (2503233) **9.00** Gossip (6659610) **9.30-12.00** FILM: The Beastmaster (9652726)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Diff'rent Strokes (3726) **7.30** Entertainment (9252) **8.00** Benson (9146) **8.30** Wings (1981) **9.00** Soap (16829) **9.30** Taxi (45962) **10.00** Entertainment (38184) **10.30** Spoof-o-vision (19981) **12.30am** Soap (32450) **1.00** Taxi (45108) **1.30** Laverne and Shirley (85214) **2.00** Entertainment (89127) **2.30** Frontline (89634) **3.00-4.00** Nightstand (13540)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (8903558) **7.00** Esther (5508252) **7.30** The Young and the Restless (4583584) **8.30** Gardeners' World (6874320) **9.00** Delia Smith's Cookery Course (6420691) **9.35** Kate and Allie (4113948) **10.00** Entertainment Now! (5918610) **10.05** The Jerry Springer Show (2115542) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (7673962) **11.55** Brookside (6387184) **12.30pm** Gabriella (3386405) **1.20** Catchword (8025542) **2.00** Cagney and Lacey (5686504) **3.00** Spring Living (8850233) **4.00** Infatuation UK (8275417) **4.30** Crosswits (2653829) **5.05** Lingo (15306788) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (9288981) **6.00** Bewitched (9285894) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (3996368) **7.05** Brookside (3618610) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (7136829) **8.00** Street Legal (1345504) **9.00** FILM: Elvira, Mistress of the Dark (72080707) **10.50** Entertainment Now! (8110165) **11.00-12.00** The Sex Files II (5517900)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Road to Avonlea (8813) **6.00** Batman (2504) **6.30** Catchphrase (6184) **7.00** A Word in Your Ear (9542) **7.30** The Fall Guy (94368) **8.30** Home to Roost (4097) **9.00** The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: A Sleeping Life (84788) **10.00** Round the World Treasure Hunt (87875) **11.00** Neon Rider (93610) **12.00** The Fall Guy (22672) **1.00am** Batman (74634) **1.30** All Together Now (21030) **2.00** Big Brother Jake (25943) **2.30** Neon Rider (87030) **3.30** All Together Now (28030) **4.00-5.00** Road to Avonlea (83127)

MTV

7.30am MTV Sports Special Edition (23405) **8.00** Morning Mix Featuring Cinematic (277726) **11.00** European Top 20 (81875) **12.00** Greatest Hits (62417) **1.00pm** Music Non-Stop (66078) **3.00** Select MTV (73184) **4.00** Hanging Out (12287) **5.30** Dial MTV (4349) **6.00** Soap Dish (4962) **6.30** MTV Exclusive (9542) **7.00** Greatest Hits by Year (80962) **8.00** MTV Special (38271) **9.30** Amour (95900) **10.30** The Head (52788) **11.00** MTV Unplugged with Rem (73928) **12.00** Videos (4844740) **5.00am** Awake on the Wildside (11837)

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (1716959) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (7937977) **11.00** Music First (1514900) **12.00** Heart and Soul (3812813) **1.00pm** The Vinyl Years (3898233) **2.00** Ten of the Best: Bryan Adams (8286469) **3.00** Into the Music (5531523) **6.00** Happy Hour (3818097) **7.00** VH-1 for You (8155558) **8.00** Wednesday Review (9069078) **9.00** Ten of the Best: Jon Secada (9071542) **10.00** The Vinyl Years (9154829) **11.00** Tommy Vance is the Nightfly (4617146) **1.00am** Ten of the Best (9655637) **2.00** Dawn Patrol (4095295)

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran (66078788) **7.30** Asian Morning (28337691) **8.30** Zee Presents (47378252) **9.00** Kagujer Bou (47369504) **9.30** Hit Thi Hit Hai (57592165) **10.00** Hassar (66086707) **11.00** Manas (18624691) **11.30** Sa Re Ga Ma (17965610) **12.30pm** Buniyaad (57596981) **1.00** Urdu Film (32069469) **4.00** Zee Presents (18548271) **5.00** Zee Zone (19130981) **5.30** Film Deewane (59268320) **6.00** Campus (59255233) **6.30** Zee and U (59289613) **7.00** FLU (19127417) **7.30** Banegi Apni Baat (59285097) **8.00** News (19136165) **8.30** Dastaan (19148900) **9.00-12.00** Hindi FILM: Sholay (40861184)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm Hotel Paradiso (1966) (87297523) **9.00 Brigadoon** (1954) (32091894) **11.00 Julius Caesar** (1953) (33811504) **1.05am The Angry Hills** (1959) (38890059) **2.55-5.00 Brigadoon** (1954) (40897030)

BBC WORLD

News on the hour.
8.05am Horizon **9.30** The Travel Show **10.30** Film '96 **1.15pm** Panorama **2.15** World Business Report **2.30** Newshour Asia and Pacific **3.30** Cats **4.05** Under the Sun **5.30** Top Gear **8.05** Great Railway Journeys **9.30** More Rhodes Around Britain **12.10am** Newsnight **4.05** Great Railway Journeys

BBC PRIME

6.00am Newsday **6.30** Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyde **6.45** Count Duckula **7.10** Tomorrow People **7.35** Turnabout **8.00** Strike It Lucky **8.30** EastEnders **9.05** Quiz **9.30** Esther **10.00** Give Us A Clue **10.30** Good Morning **12.00** News **12.05pm** Pebble Mill **1.00** Great Ormond Street **1.30** EastEnders **2.00** World News **2.10** Andrew Neil **3.00** Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyde **3.15** Count Duckula **3.40** Tomorrow People **4.05** Turnabout **4.30** World at War **5.00** Three Colours Cezanne **5.30** Sport **6.00** World Today **6.25** One Man and His Dog **7.05** Next of Kin **7.35** The Bill **8.00** Middlemarch **9.00** News **9.30** Inside Story **10.30** Keeping Up Appearances **11.00** Shrinks **12.00** Scenes from Dr Faustus **12.30am** Death and Dying **1.00** The Car Industry **1.30** Assessing Chances **2.00** English Express **4.00** Revaluing Literacy **4.30** United Nations **5.00** Voluntary Sector Television

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Ehiogu, Wise, Lee and Wilcox experience cruellest cut as England 22 are named

Venables backs the tried and trusted

By Rob Hughes, football correspondent

THE hours of truth beckon Terry Venables's England. After 30 months without a competitive game, after last moments of personal agony, the coach yesterday shed the final four names from his squad for the European championship finals which begin on Saturday week.

His next act will be to select a team for a serious match and, within a month, it will all be over for Venables and his mission to try to turn the English national game away from its years of failure.

"Those I had to leave out are unfortunate," he said of Ugo Ehiogu, Robert Lee, Dennis Wise and Jason Wilcox, the quartet who joined the already disappointed Peter Beardsley and Gary Pallister in failing to make the cut. "But the 22 we have give England a squad of quality, versatility and flair. Above all, it is a squad which believes in itself."

How those qualities fare against the best in Europe, indeed against some of the best in the world, will soon become apparent. But, by and large, Venables has picked the best players available. He has chosen a *blend of youth and* experience in almost equal measures, and apart from the *now almost forgotten regret* over his lack of willingness to give a chance to Matthew Le *Tissier, there is scarcely* a performer in the domestic game who can complain that *he has been overlooked.*

Moreover, before the winner-take-all phase of the *Venables era begins, let it be* stated that his 2½ years' work, all of it in an ostensibly practice environment, was a unique and a strange experience for England. He tried to use it to change our football culture, to bury the arrogant and failed propaganda from the director of coaching of the FA, Charles Hughes, who seemed to preach that football was about numbers, that directness was all.

One would not say that Venables has been able to shift England onto the level of Brazil, but the attempt at copying Dutch football has put them much closer to the rest of the world than Hughes.

The measure of the task that Venables took on, and which, one assumes, Glenn Hoddle will try to advance, explains why so many players in the Euro 96 squad are, of necessity, young and open-minded.

The omission of Beardsley, already lamented, hides the fact that he, at 35, was more flexible and more willing to change than most of his generation. After him, the four left out yesterday had more marginal claims to a place. Ehiogu, the Aston Villa defender, must have known that he was only an outside bet, and that once Venables decided Steve Howey could be restored to fitness, his chance was lost.

Wise, after his foolish kick into the groin of a Hungarian defender at Wembley this month, there and then ended his right to be trusted when the tournament tensions begin. But Lee, and perhaps Wilcox, were unfortunate. Wilcox, despite his late inclusion, had offered England a truly left-sided attacking player, a position Venables persists in asking of the right-footed, though infinitely more gifted, Steve McManaman.

And Lee? A few months ago, he was lauded by Kevin Keegan as the best player in the country. He had every reason to believe that an FA Carling Premiership winners' medal was his for the taking. Newcastle United lost the championship and now Lee lost the decision between himself and Jamie Redknapp.

Venables was loath to discuss individuals yesterday. Instead, Ted Buxton, Venables's assistant and scout, offered this insight. "Jamie's just hit form again. We decided in China that he has just come back to it as Robert hit a dip in his form. With Platt certain to score vital goals, it came down to one or the other."

Additionally, from words Venables had spoken months ago, the coach has faith in the 22-year-old Redknapp, provided he has recaptured form and appetite after his long injury, of being the closest England possesses to a replacement, should anything happen to Paul Gascoigne.

Hong Kong certainly showed how much the midfield lacks flair and imagination when Gascoigne is out of action. The Rangers player may have lost pace, and it must be hoped that he has lost some impetuosity, but maybe, just maybe, there are signs that he is beginning to think like a responsible playmaker.

When the opening match against Switzerland arrives, responsibility will surely be handed to a side predominantly built on experience. Gary Neville, Darren Anderton and McManaman will provide the youth in this probable line-up (3-5-1-1):

Seaman — G Neville, Adams, Pearce — Anderton, Platt, Ince, Gascoigne, McManaman — Sheringham — Shearer.

If, as expected, the Swiss opt for three men in attack, Venables might respond with a fourth defender, Gareth Southgate, alongside Adams. This would deplete the midfield by one, with Platt or McManaman the only candidates to be left out.

But, as the pulse rate increases, as the tension which has already started makes Venables taciturn and secretive, the ultimate questions will be asked up front. He wisely has kept both Les Ferdinand and Robbie Fowler in his squad. Ferdinand will be the main alternative to Alan Shearer, and Fowler, though his precocious brilliance as a goalscorer has yet to make an international mark, will doubtless sit impatiently on the bench.

The trust and the tolerance Venables has invested in Shearer must soon reap dividends. Shearer, 12 games and 20 months without a goal, is there because of his willingness, his mobility, his experience in leading the line. "You tell me why I have not been getting the chances," he said a week ago. "It might be a worry *if I was missing* chances, but they have not been coming."

Venables must quickly decide — *is it the system or the* man? One way or the other, now that the contest has come *really to mean something,* England cannot go barren into the European nights. Fowler, 85 goals in 143 Liverpool matches, and Ferdinand, 119 goals in 225 games for Queens Park Rangers and Newcastle, cannot be left idly by while impotence reigns.

Yet, Venables has his favourites. "Trust those who have done it," was a favourite saying of Helmut Schön. Hopefully, Venables might follow him, for Schön was the most successful manager in the international game.

Schön himself "stole" the saying from Virgil, who originally wrote 2,000 years ago: "*Experto credite*" (Trust one who has proved it).

Goram's chance, page 45
Keane banned, page 45

ENGLAND SQUAD FOR EURO 96

Name	Club	Age	Caps	Goals
Goalkeepers				
D Seaman	Arsenal	32	24	0
T Flowers	Blackburn	29	8	0
I Walker	Tottenham	24	2	0
Defenders				
G Neville	Man Utd	21	10	0
A Adams	Arsenal	29	40	4
S Howey	Newcastle	24	4	0
G Southgate	Aston Villa	25	4	0
S Campbell	Tottenham	21	1	0
S Pearce	Nottm Forest	34	65	5
P Neville	Man Utd	19	1	0
Midfield players				
D Anderton	Tottenham	24	11	5
S Stone	Nottm Forest	24	6	2
P Gascoigne	Rangers	29	38	7
P Ince	Internazionale	28	19	2
D Platt	Arsenal	29	58	27
J Redknapp	Liverpool	22	4	0
S McManaman	Liverpool	24	10	0
Forwards				
L Ferdinand	Newcastle	29	10	4
R Fowler	Liverpool	21	3	0
N Barmby	Middlesbrough	22	6	2
T Sheringham	Tottenham	30	15	2
A Shearer	Blackburn	25	23	5

EURO 96

ANDREW SHAW

Venables arrives back at Heathrow yesterday before the announcement of the final England squad of 22

Gary Neville, Anderton and McManaman, who will provide the youth in England's probable starting line-up

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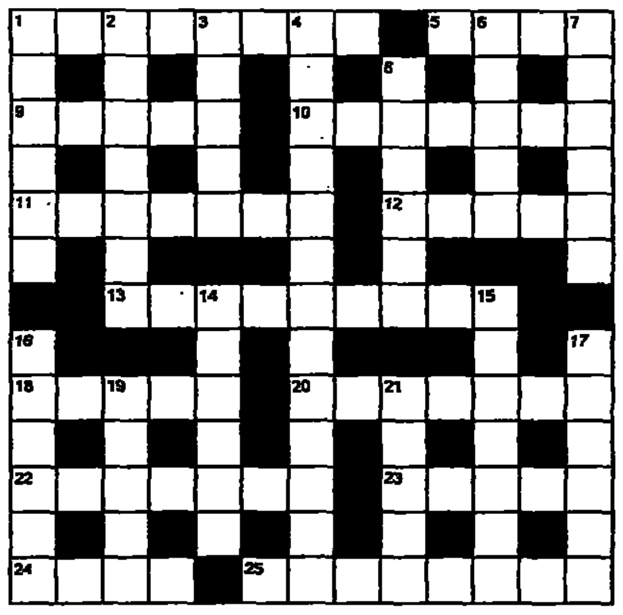

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ACROSS
1 Professional business (8)
5 Pressed bell (4)
9 Film award (5)
10 Sloping typestyle (7)
11 Field for horses (7)
12 Bout of dissipation (5)
13 Peevish (9)
18 Treatment; 1 *ac.* (5)
20 Of a wandering lifestyle (7)
22 Cloyingly flattering (praise) (7)
23 Inland waterway (5)
24 Large container; mil. vehicle (4)
25 Without knowledge (8)

DOWN
1 On time; help with words (6)
2 Becomes king; formally agrees (7)
3 Supercharged car (5)
4 Which-came-first situation (7-3-3)
6 Extraterrestrial being (5)
7 One struggling to breathe; a cigarette (6)
8 Risky ploy (6)
14 Keep one's head down (3,3)
15 Showy solo *(mus.)* (7)
16 Strike; cold spread (6)
17 Make a carving (6)
19 Central Irish bog; type of key (5)
21 Aggressively masculine (5)

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By Alan Lee
cricket correspondent

CARDIFF (Glamorgan won toss): Warwickshire beat Glamorgan by 12 runs

BY THEIR own, peerless standards, May has been an uneasy month for Warwickshire, but those who seek to doubt or denigrate them do so at their peril. They had the rough end of a spiteful pitch and doleful weather yesterday, yet, with the character and resolution that identifies their success, Warwickshire disillusioned an expectant Sophia Gardens crowd for the second successive year to reach the last four of the Benson and Hedges Cup.

It was a breathless win, not *at all reminiscent of the em*barrassingly swift NatWest Trophy semi-final here last August. This time, Warwickshire were taken to the brink by Matthew Maynard and Ottis Gibson, whose thrilling stand of 136 in 22 overs was a sixth-wicket record for any county limited-overs event.

Until they were parted, 24 short of the target with five overs remaining, Glamorgan were tantalisingly close to only *their second semi-final in this* competition. Warwickshire, however, will routinely break down a door once it is ajar and they took the last five wickets for 11 runs in only 23 balls.

There was a price to pay for victory. The bounce, from a surface that had spent too long under covers, was dangerously untrustworthy and Warwickshire's *top order bore the* brunt of it. Nick Knight was one of three batsmen requiring treatment for hand injuries and an X-ray revealed a small crack at the top of his left *index finger after he was hit by* Gibson.

It is not a serious injury and Warwickshire hope that Knight, who did not field, will recover to play in the championship fixture at Northampton tomorrow. Knight is, however, expected to resume his Test career at Edgbaston next Thursday and so David Lloyd, the England coach, was informed of the situation.

Glamorgan had lost the toss nine times out of eleven this season but this was a good day for their luck to change. The *decision to bowl* was elementary and even with Gibson half-fit, it was a fraught time to be batting as the ball either reared off a good length or scuttled through at ankle-height. Despite the relatively high scores, this was an unsuitable pitch for a one-day game and the umpires will mark it down accordingly.

Warwickshire took an early view that the bat should be swung lustily at anything of full length, a policy that worked *in two ways. They* connected regularly enough to score at a healthy rate and Glamorgan's bowlers, seeking to adjust, tended to drop too short. Watkin, exemplary as ever, dismissed Smith and Knight within five overs but the *promoted* Brown *hit out* disruptively. It was a day when five or six wickets might *have fallen in the first hour,* but only two did so.

Butcher, who is becoming *an influential cricketer, dis*missed Brown and Penney with the help of loose drives *but Reeve's innovations com*bined with the orthodoxy of Ostler in a fifth-wicket stand worth 62. Even when Pollock was needlessly run out, Warwickshire were not subdued and Ostler's *stoical 85 from* 109 balls shepherded them to a total which, in the conditions, appeared adequate.

It looked rather better than that when Glamorgan found the new ball as hazardous as Warwickshire had done. James was dropped at slip from Pollock's second ball of an opening over that continued with him beating Morris three times. Morris, after baleful study of the offending pitch, decided that this was a time to be playing shots rather than seeking survival.

Morris was third out, having made a thrusting 38, the first of three swift wickets for Reeve. At 80 for five, Glamorgan were sinking fast but Maynard, having made little impact for England this week, and assisted by Gibson's whirling bat, carried his side closer than had seemed possible, close enough for *Warwickshire to feel they had* earned a reprieve.

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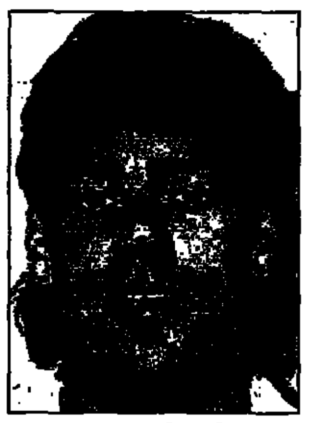

Knight: cracked finger

Maynard: record stand

CARDIFF SCOREBOARD

WARWICKSHIRE

N M K Smith c Thomas b Watkin	3
N V Knight b Watkin	10
D R Brown b Butcher	44
D P Ostler b Croft	85
T L Penney c James b Butcher	3
*D A Reeve st Metson b Barwick	26
S M Pollock run out	4
G Welch c Thomas b Barwick	24
A F Giles c Watkin b Croft	9
G C Small run out	1
†K J Piper not out	5
Extras (lb 13, w 6, nb 6)	25
Total (48.5 overs)	239

Score at 15 overs: 66-2

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-32, 3-68, 4-81, 5-143, 6-151, 7-218, 8-229, 9-238.

BOWLING: Watkin 10-2-35-2; Gibson 9-0-56-0; Thomas 6-0-29-0; Butcher 6-0-21-2; Croft 7.5-0-37-2; Barwick 10-0-49-2.

Umpires: A A Jones and T E Jesty.

GLAMORGAN

S P James c Piper b Pollock	11
H Morris c Piper b Reeve	38
G P Butcher lbw b Small	9
*M P Maynard lbw b Small	75
P A Cottey c and b Reeve	2
R D B Croft c Piper b Reeve	1
O D Gibson c Ostler b Pollock	68
S D Thomas c Ostler b Small	0
†C P Metson c Piper b Brown	4
S L Watkin not out	2
S R Barwick b Brown	0
Extras (lb 1, w 10, nb 6)	17
Total (48.3 overs)	227

Score at 15 overs: 66-2

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-60, 3-67, 4-78, 5-80, 6-216, 7-220, 8-221, 9-227.

BOWLING: Pollock 10-0-51-2; Brown 6.3-1-27-2; Reeve 10-1-39-3; Small 9-0-25-3; Welch 9-0-48-0; Giles 3-0-23-0; Smith 1-0-13-0.

Gold Award: D P Ostler.

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